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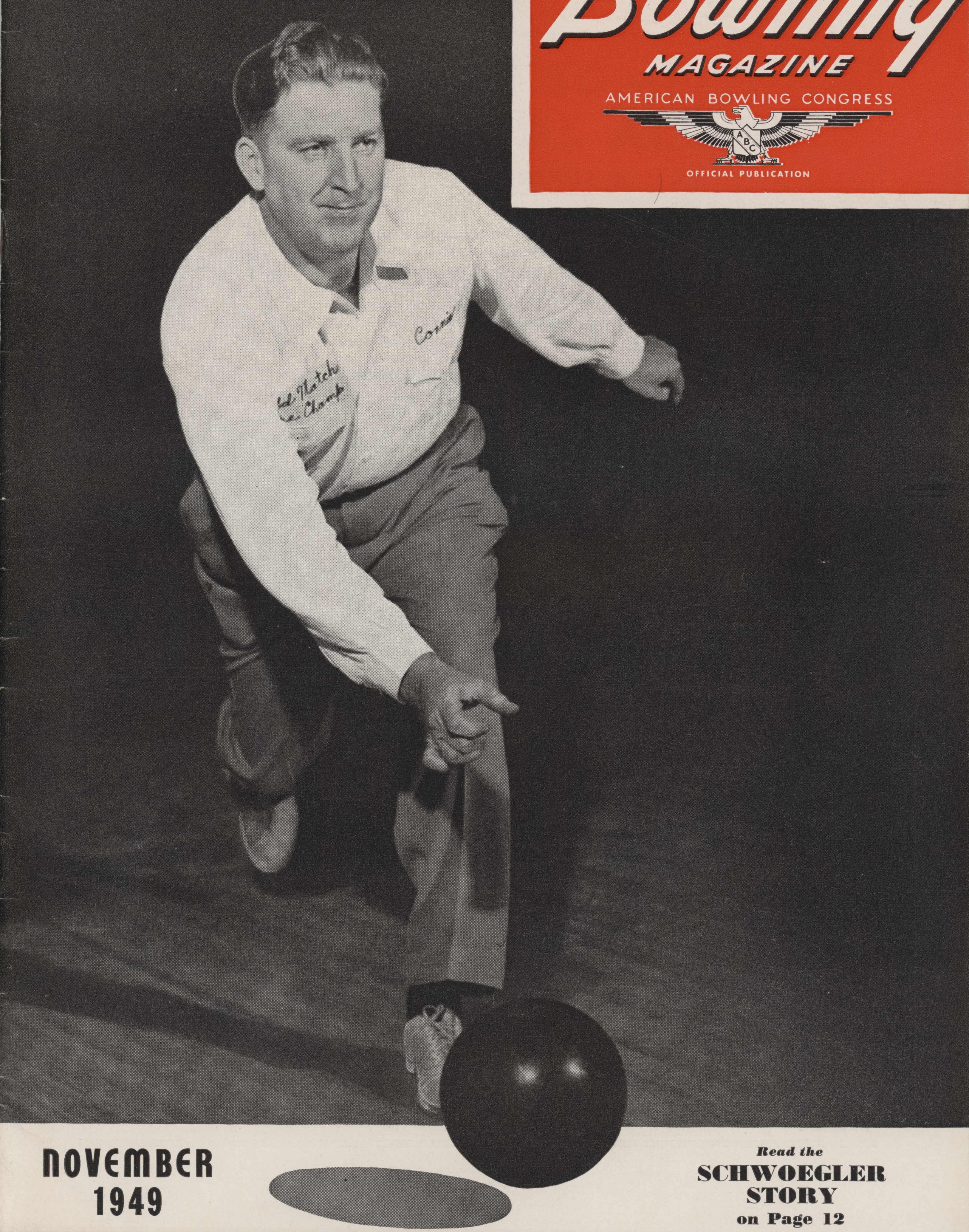
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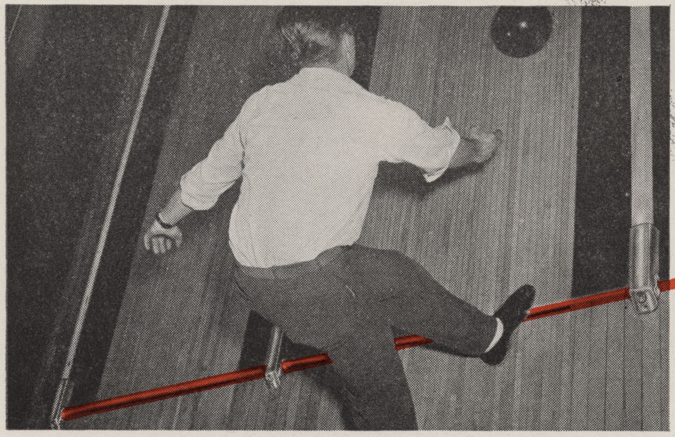

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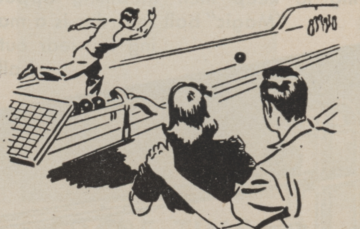

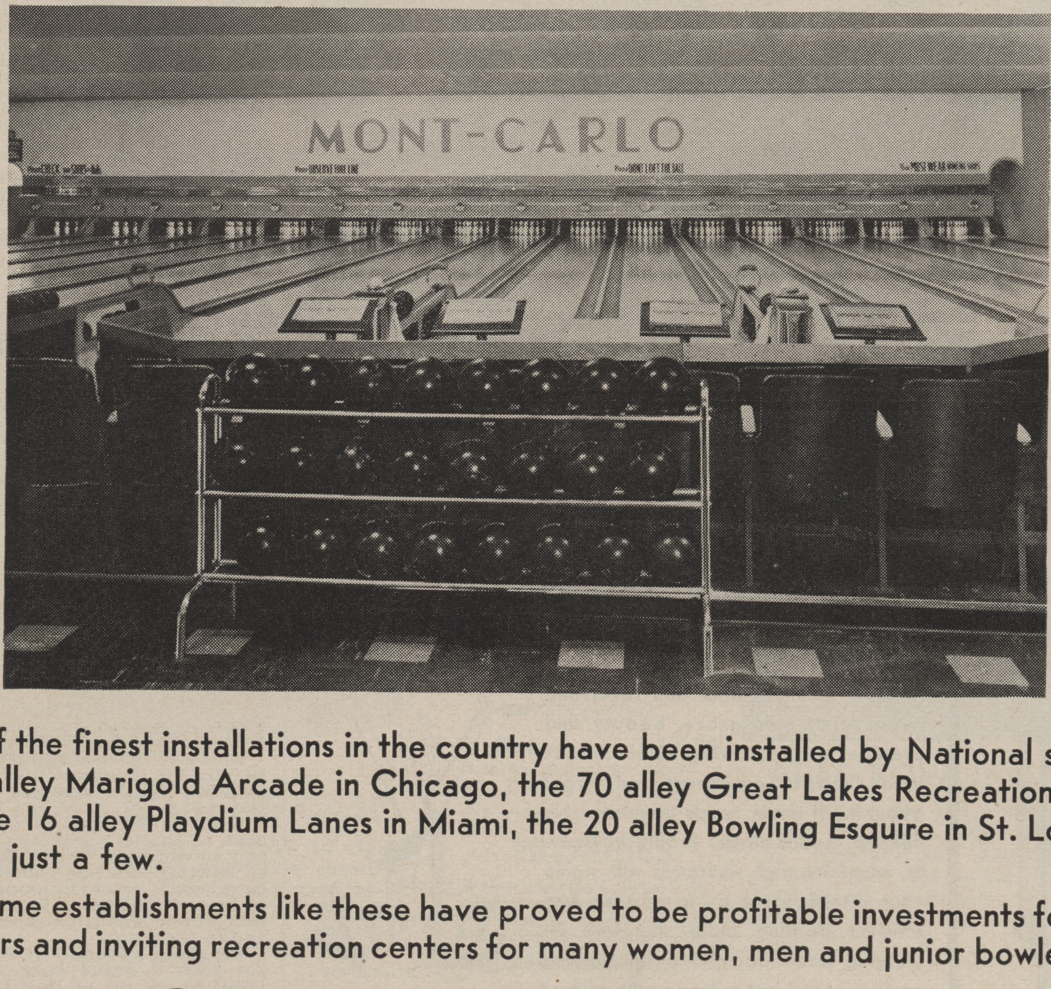

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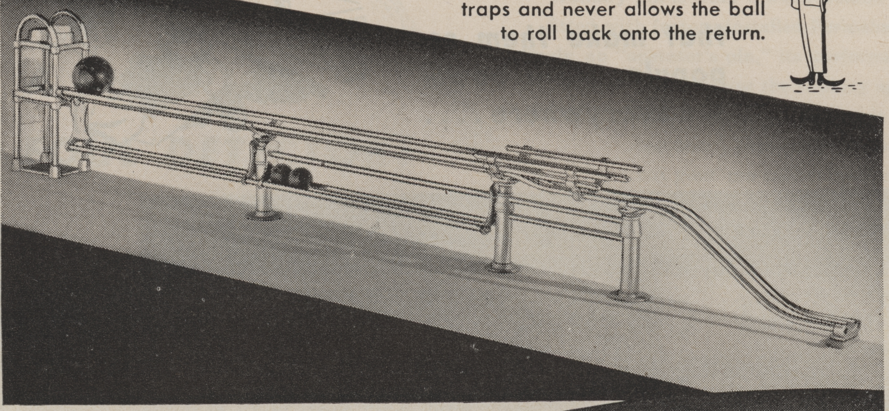

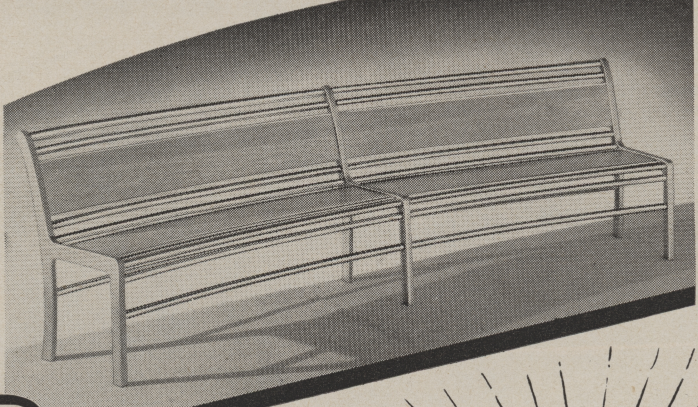

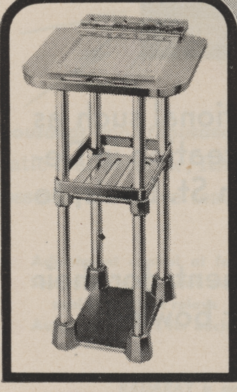

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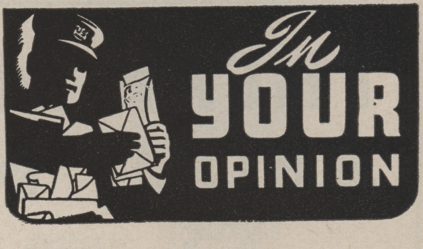

## A SWELL REPRESENTATIVE

After reading a few copies of BOWLING Magazine handed down to me by one of your subscribers, may I become one of those who write and say your magazine is a swell representative for such a swell recreation.

JOE GILLONO,
Chicago, Ill.

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## SOME MORE NICE WORDS

I have just finished reading my issue of your great and interesting BOWLING Magazine. I always enjoy your articles concerning individuals and their relationship to this great sport. Your stories about the stars of the game are interesting reading, and they no doubt help to increase the interest in bowling wherever they are read and talked about.

However, for each so called "star," there must be hundreds of little known men whose interest in the game and whose personal pleasure is to teach others. It is with this thought in mind that I am writing to you about the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Joseph H. Hoernschemeyer.

JAMES J. HABERMAN,
Buffalo, N.Y.

TAKE A LOOK ON PAGE 15, JIM.

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## AND NOW, NOVEMBER

It is early in the morning, and I have just finished looking through the September issue of BOWLING Magazine.

I am enthusiastic about it, and I am immediately writing to you boys to compliment you upon what I think is the best issue that has been printed thus far.

FRANK MITZEL,
Secretary, Detroit Bowling Association

THANKS, FRANK. BUT SHUCKS, WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE OCTOBER MAGAZINE?

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## FROM AN "AMERICAN BOWLER"

I enjoyed reading the September issue of BOWLING Magazine. I want to compliment you on a job well done.

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DAVID H. HOWARD,
Sapulpa, Okla.

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## THEY'RE GETTING TOUGH

Your questions in "Star Quiz" certainly are designed to bring out all the fine points of the game. And they are becoming increasingly difficult to answer. I am sure that the readers of BOWLING Magazine are finding this an interesting column.

PAUL KRUMSKE,
Chicago, Ill.

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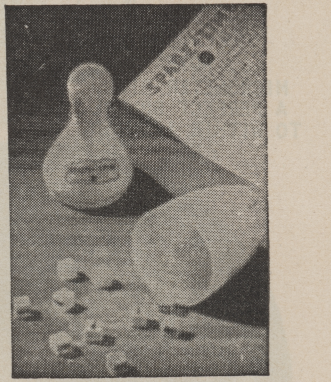

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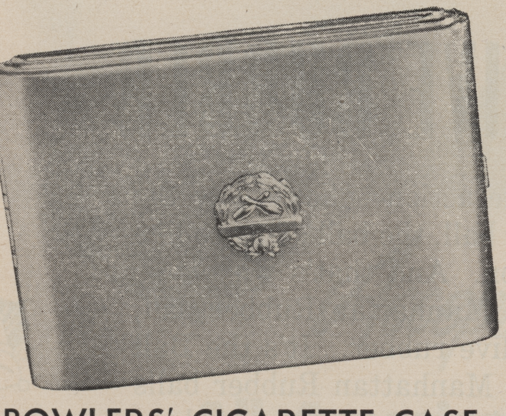

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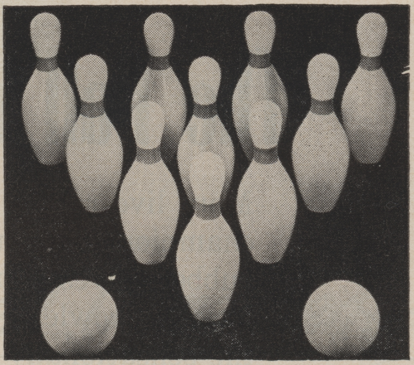

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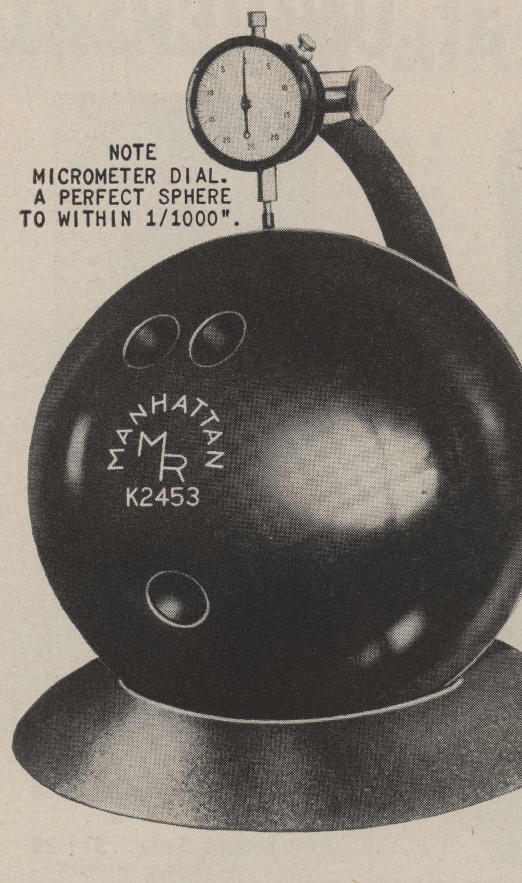

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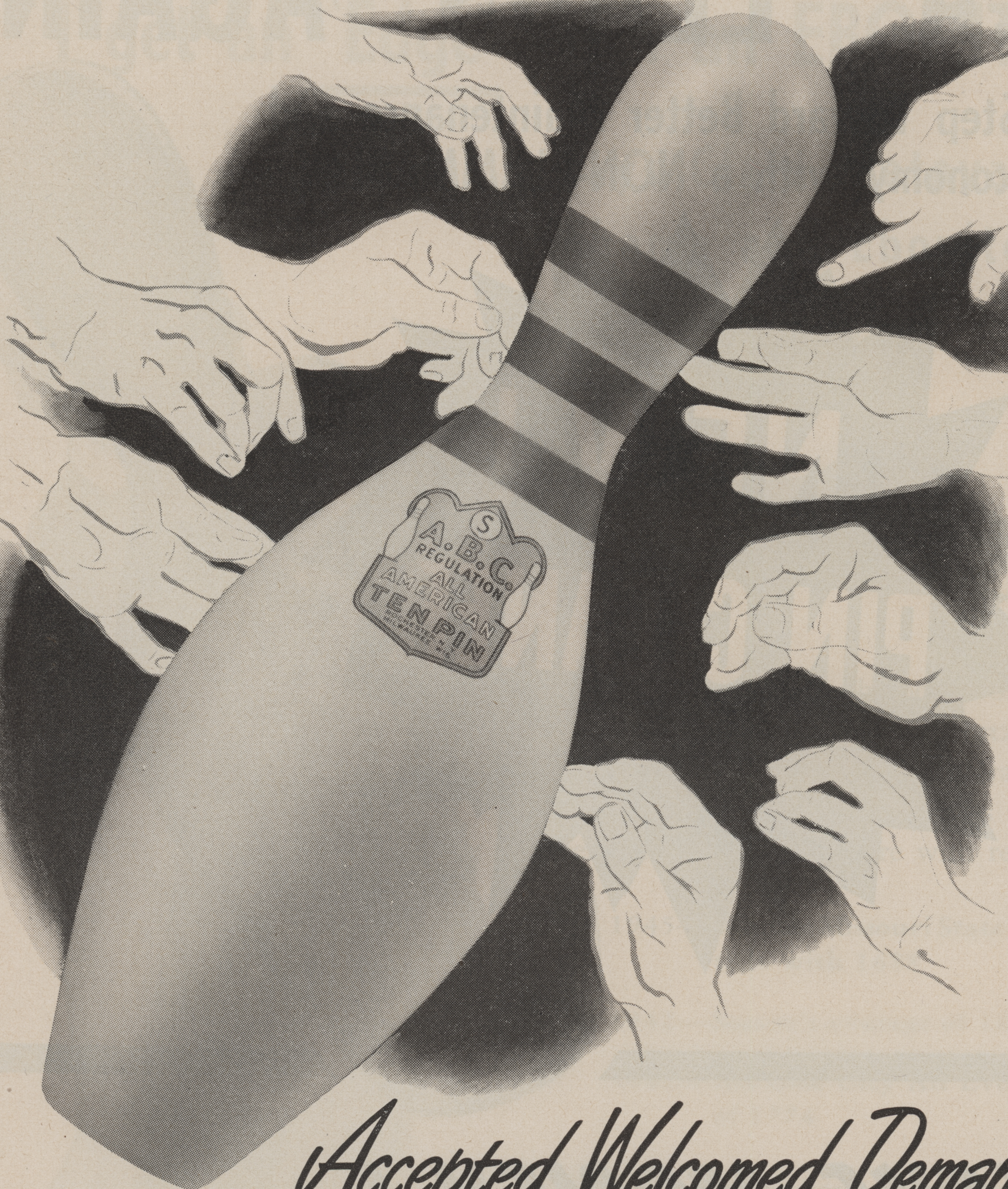

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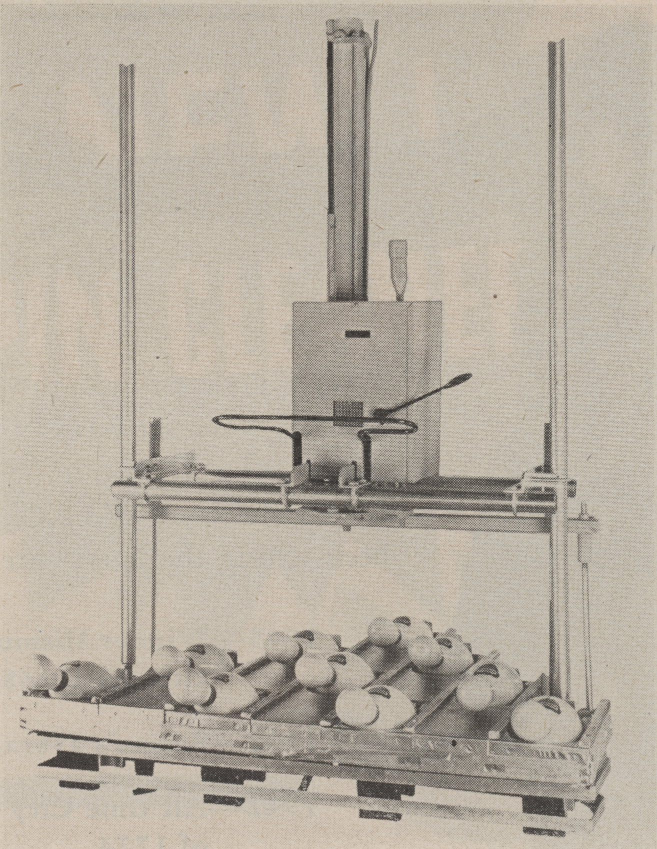

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## ABC Is Not a Monopoly

A suit was filed in the Illinois Superior court on Oct. 25 by John S. Boyle, Cook county states attorney, challenging the right of the American Bowling Congress to continue as an Illinois corporation.

Acting under a quo warranto proceeding, he filed the suit in behalf of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. On Oct. 16 the CIO asked him and the attorney general of Illinois to start legal action to revoke the charter of the American Bowling Congress.

The CIO charges that the ABC holds a monopoly over bowling and discriminates against Negroes.

Arthur J. Goldberg, CIO general counsel, contended in a letter to the Illinois officials that the ABC rule limits membership to "white males" which violates Illinois law on articles of incorporation and civil rights and Illinois and United States constitutions.

Goldberg said that if the state did not start action against the ABC by Nov. 16, "we (the CIO) shall apply to a court . . . for leave to file a proceeding on our own . . ."

In answer to these charges ABC Home Office spokesmen have pointed out that membership in the ABC is voluntary, a privilege and not an inalienable right.

The ABC manufactures no equipment, nor does it own or operate any public bowling establishment.

ABC guides only the league and tournament activities of its members.

It makes no attempt to supervise bowling of nonmembers, and is like many other organizations which extend membership according to understood or written qualifications fixed by its members.

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## 'Why Bond Me? I'm Honest'

Barney Mercer was a very unhappy man last May. So were the bowlers of the Young Men's league. Mercer, a 41 year old merchant mariner during World War II, owns the Topspot Bowling Alleys in Rock Island, Ill. The Young Men's league made up mostly of ex-GI's, bowls at Mercer's place.

What made everyone unhappy? The treasurer of the league had turned up missing. So was $1,019. Pay off night and the annual banquet were two weeks away. It looked like there'd be no pay off and no banquet.

Someone learned that the missing treasurer was planning to fly to Guam. Police arrested him at Peoria, Ill., as he stepped aboard a westbound plane. In court, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve 1 to 14 years for embezzlement. But league officers—friends, mind you, from whom the man had stolen—urged the court to show mercy. The treasurer agreed to return the money at $10 a week, and the judge placed him on probation.

But the court action and the agreement couldn't bring back pay off night and the banquet. That bothered Mercer. He talked it over with his wife.

"It isn't the money, so much," he said. "The boys feel worse about the banquet. They've got to have one, and it's up to us to see to it."

So Mr. and Mrs. Mercer paid for the banquet themselves . . . fried chicken for 48 happy, hungry bowlers.

Only one thing kept sticking in everyone's mind. Why hadn't the league been bonded?

Someone recalled that the matter had been discussed at the start of the league season. The treasurer had opposed it. He had said, and most everyone had agreed:

"Why bond me? Everyone knows I'm honest."

## Bowling's Colorful Marathon

# Nation's Best Prepare For the 1949 All Star

By Eli Whitney

The ninth annual All Star, the toughest, most colorful pin marathon in the nation, is about to move into the center of the sports stage.

It's a 100 game grind for 14 of the 16 men who go into the finals, and there is many a split and bleeding thumb. But the winner is the match game champion of the nation. It is a fine title. The winner earns it.

The All Star really is the National All Star Match Game tournament. It starts on Dec. 3 and ends Dec. 11. The site is the Northwest Armory, 1551 N. Kedzie, Chicago. The tourney is sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America and the Chicago Tribune Charities.

### It Helps to Be Hardy

Connie Schwoegler, Madison, Wis. (see page 12), is a two time All Star winner and the defending champion. He won the title in 1942, the All Star's second year, and he won it again in 1948. He and Andy Varipapa are the only repeaters. Varipapa won in 1946 and 1947.

There may be more than just coincidence and bowling ability involved in the repeats by Schwoegler and Varipapa. Both are big, strong men, and their strength has stood by them on the terrific route of the All Star.

Only three other men have worn the National Match Game crown . . . Ned Day in 1943, Buddy Bomar, 1944, and Joe Wilman, 1945.

### Day Offers His Title

Johnny Crimmins won the first All Star in 1941, but he did not get to wear the crown on his blond head. He got, instead, a match with Ned Day, the champion. Crimmins and Day battled it out during the preliminaries of the 1942 show, and Day barely retained his title.

Immediately after the match, Day placed his title on the block and offered it to the winner of the final round of the 1942 tournament. Ned and Johnny were tired after being at each other's throat for 60 games, while the other finalists were rolling 30 or so games, and both finished away down the list. Schwoegler, after finishing third in 1941, came back strong to win the top spot in 1942.

**The Ten All Star Leaders**

| Year | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | Gms | Ave. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Varipapa | 12 | 3 | 14 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 646 | 205.71 |
| Wilman | 4 | 13 | 24 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 665 | 204.447 |
| Nagy | | 27 | 29 | 26 | 9 | 16 | 4 | 3 | 438 | 204.198 |
| Schwoegler | 3 | 1 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 51 | 20 | 1 | 589 | 203.541 |
| Bomar | 25 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 686 | 203.181 |
| Crimmins | *1 | †4 | 5 | 21 | 77 | 15 | 50 | 9 | 455 | 201.377 |
| Norris | 2 | 29 | 22 | | 25 | 9 | 28 | 7 | 413 | 201.357 |
| Ward | 14 | 60 | 8 | 11 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 44 | 586 | 201.238 |
| Day | * | †8 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 22 | 62 | 50 | 414 | 201.215 |
| Young | | 9 | 11 | 19 | 20 | 5 | 42 | 40 | 446 | 201.37 |

*Day beat Jackson in challenge round. Crimmins won tourney and right to challenge Day.

†Day beat Crimmins for title, then relinquished title to winner of finals. Schwoegler won.

### Brandt, Wilman Beaten

Day made a show of his field in 1943 as did Bomar in 1944.

Wilman captured the 1945 affair while still wearing his buck private uniform.

Varipapa won in 1946 in a tough struggle with Allie Brandt, Lockport (N.Y.) midget. The next year Andy fought off Wilman's challenge in the final two games of the tournament and became the first and only man to win the title two years in succession.

Then along came Schwoegler last year, and he had a tough time nosing out Steve Nagy, of Cleveland, to win.

### Who Has a Chance?

Connie hung between second and third place from the 16th game to the opening game of the final block. Then he got his chance to meet Nagy, the leader, toe to toe. Connie won the first game, 226 to 193, and took the lead. He won the next three and was going away at the finish.

Can Connie repeat? A good question to ask but a foolish one to answer. Last year Nagy gave indications that he was a tough man to beat.

Are there any new names that have a chance?

Over in Detroit there are George Young, Therman Gibson and a lot of other hot boys. If they can just get in tune with those pins and get lucky. . . .

And there is Stan Slomenski, the Newark (N.J.) slugger. He should be ready for some distance running.

### The Field Is Cut Hard

Remember its a tough grind! Four days of elimination—Dec. 3-6. Everybody rolls six games. Seven squads with 24 men each must roll six games across 12 alleys—brand new beds, all slicked up. The pins are new, too, and before you've rolled very many games you know what the All Star is all about.

The field of 168 is reduced hard on the fifth day. It goes down to 48 men, and they roll 12 games. The high 14 boys of the 36 games go into the finals.

Of course, the defending champion, Schwoegler, and last year's second place winner, Varipapa are seeded into the final round. There it is a head to head scramble, four games at a time, round robin. Everybody bowls everybody else.

### 14 Qualify Automatically

Besides Schwoegler and Varipapa, 14 other men qualify automatically for the All Star and do not have to go through local eliminations. They are the finalists in the 1948 All Star, and they finished in this order: Nagy, Bomar, Bill Flesch and Wilman (tied), Joe Norris and Andy Grilli (tied), Crimmins, Ed Kawolics, Stan Slomenski, Ed Easter, Ray Kirchner, Carl Berger, Gerry Anderson and Ray Caniglia.

The All Star uses the Petersen point system, too. In fact, everything is done to make a bowler wonder if he's ever going to finish.

But all of them make the grade, and when they get through, some fine checks are passed out, the winner compliments the losers, flash bulbs flash and 16 tired men go to bed.

Right now local trials are being held to determine who shall go to Chicago for the big show—a show of skill, stamina and bleeding thumbs.

# Connie Schwoegler

By Bill Franklin

The man and the boy stood toe to toe, chin to chin. One was Tony Schwoegler, former ABC champion and one of the nation's top bowlers. The other was his lanky son, 19 year old Connie, who wanted to be a champion bowler, like his dad.

They were quiet people, this father and son, and when there was anger, it usually stayed deep within them. But now the anger was in the open. It flashed between them, almost as vivid as heat lightning flickering between clouds on a summer night.

Things had not been going well for the Schwoeglers, father and sons. They had been hard hit by the soul shriveling depression of the 1930's. Now they were operating a bowling alley in Scandinavian Stoughton, Wis.

### He Cupped the Ball

Connie longed to be as good a bowler as his dad. He had worked hard on his game, but the bad habits had persisted. When the Hansons and the Baalruds of Stoughton came to the Hub City Recreation, they came to see Tony, to watch his game, to hear how it was to be an ABC champion. They might nod to young Connie.

So that day in 1936 Connie worked on his game. Line after line he bowled. But he continued to cup the ball, a hangover habit as a softball pitcher. He continued to race to the foul line. His backswing was high.

Time after time his father had pointed out the errors, tried to talk Connie out of them. They had argued, and the hangers-on had drawn closer to watch the anger rise. They stood there now, face to face. Then Tony said the words.

"You'll never be a bowler."

He never had said the words before, and they hit Connie like a physical blow. Maybe Tony had planned it that way. Maybe it was just the anger. Connie turned and strode into the night. Tony watched him go, then walked to the ball return.

### The Antelope Approach Goes

Connie returned after awhile, and there was something new in his eyes. He picked up a ball and started bowling. His father and Oscar Rassmussen, a fine Wisconsin bowler, went to work on him again. This time their talk began to "take."

It didn't happen all at once, but slowly over the months Connie grooved his style away from the antelope approach, the palming grip and the side arm swing. He went to a two hole ball, and he adopted a five step delivery. His average shot up to 190.

The scene changes. It is six years later, and the telephone is ringing. Connie answers the telephone.

"Yes, this is Connie."

"But you must mean Tony. Just a minute. . . ."

### Looking for New Blood

"Me? You mean me? Not Tony?"

The caller was trying hard to tell Connie that he had been selected to compete in the first of a new series of All Star tournaments. Connie was sure there had been a mistake. The caller must have meant his famous father. But the All Star committee was looking for new bowling blood, and the 24-year-old blond giant from Wisconsin had been making a name. The caller meant Connie.

The selection was fortunate. Connie came close to winning the All Star, and finished third. But he won it the next year, and he won it again in 1948, one of two men to be crowned twice. Next month he will defend his title for the third time.

### His Bags Were Packed

It was funny about Connie and that 1942 All Star. In the qualifying rounds, he had all but given up. He had bowled badly, and he was sure he could not make it. He had five more games to shoot. He was checking out at the desk of the Congress hotel in Chicago when Tony Sparando met him. Sparando wanted to know why Connie was carrying his luggage. Connie explained that he didn't have a chance of qualifying and was saving a dollar by paying off his hotel bill and moving his bags to the Coliseum. He would bowl his last

*The Schwoeglers—Connie, Tony and Mel—add up their scores.*

five games there, pick up his luggage and head for home.

Sparando said you never could tell. Connie said he could. They went to the Coliseum together. Connie's first game was 178. He turned to Sparando and shrugged his shoulders.

But then Connie Schwoegler caught fire. He rolled 252, 278, 240 and 230 for a fat 1178. There were 12 qualifiers, and Connie, despite his bad start, vaulted to sixth place due to his record score. He finished third in the finals but everyone was sure he could have won with more experience.

### No ABC Title for Connie

Connie never has missed an All Star since, and his 203.541 average is the fourth highest. It is topped only by Varipapa's 205.71, Joe Wilman's 204.447 and Steve Nagy's 204.198.

In the eliminations for the 1948 All Star he averaged 213-19 for 64 games and got one 300 game.

In ABC tournament competition, Connie never has been able to match his father's record as 1909 ABC doubles champion with his (Tony's) brother, Al. The best Connie has scored in nine years of trying was 1878 in 1941 on series of 588, 609 and 681. That latter placed him 59th in the singles.

Like a lot of the nation's best bowlers, Connie was born into the game. There was strong bowling talk in the home of the ABC champion.

Tony Schwoegler was a master plumber and owned his own shop in Madison, Wis., when Conrad Anthony was born on Jan. 2, 1917, the fifth and last child. There were three daughters and two sons, Connie, now 32, and Mel, 41.

At his cottage, Connie and outboard motor prepare for a boat ride.

Tony's bowling reputation in the midwest was strong, and in 1922 he gave up the plumbing business to turn full time to bowling. He operated the seven lane Capital alleys for five years and the Plaza alleys for two more.

### Swaps Wrenches for Alleys

Connie went to Madison schools like a good boy, and hung around his dad's alleys when he could. He became well known to Madison bowlers because he was his father's strongest and loudest fan. But love of bowling had nothing to do with it. He lived only for Tony's 225 games because if Tony hit 225 or better there were soft drinks on the house (remember prohibition?). Connie liked to get his share.

The boy Connie really didn't start bowling until he reached the ripe old age of 11. Then he almost got a triplicate . . . 97-98-97. Connie still can remember that first score. He has the rare ability to bring up from memory almost any score from any match, line for line.

### In a League at 14

By the time he was 13 Connie was bowling regularly, changing jobs with the pin boys so both could roll. At 14 he got his first chance to bowl in a league, the Madison Merchants. He averaged 175 for 21 games. Later, in his first full league season he averaged 182.

He recalls that he had no trouble with his waist line in those days. He walked two miles to and from the alleys, carrying his father's bowling ball and shoes.

After each league night, Tony would be waiting for him at home.

*Connie and nephews, Rollie Harris and Billy Schwoegler, cut a record on a home recorder.*

"Well, how did it go tonight?" Tony would ask.

Connie would tell his score and recount what happened to each ball.

### His First 600 Series

One night Tony did not ask the question. He was teasing, because he could see in Connie's eyes that his boy had rolled his first 600 series. Connie held out as long as he could; then he blurted:

"Six seventeen, Dad; six seventeen!"

But tough days were ahead, depression days. The Schwoeglers went to Chicago, and Tony and Connie worked for the Greyhound bus lines. Connie didn't like it. He got a job at the Congress alleys setting pins, and found plenty of time to bowl.

In 1934 economic conditions still were bad, and so was the collective treasury of the Schwoegler family. Tony and Connie were together in Chicago, but Mel was in Janesville, Wis., running a chain grocery store. One of them read an advertisement which offered for sale the Hub City Recreation, a four alley

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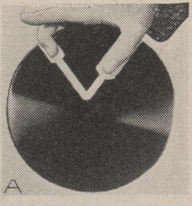
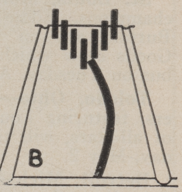
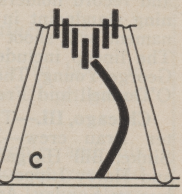
## Did Connie Seek Control When He Invented Fingertip?

Any discussion of Connie Schwoegler's bowling must take into account the fact that between the 1942 and 1948 All Star tournaments he spent hours and hours developing his "fingertip" grip which changed his attack on the pins.



In 1942, when he won the All Star he was using a two-hole conventional type of ball. His high hits carried well because his ball settled. He had his share of these "saves," and he also carried a high percentage of thin, mixing hits.





Last year he won the All Star with his new fingertip ball. This ball has a normal thumb hole with no pitch and a short finger hole so placed that only the first joint rests on the edge of the hole. The hole is placed at such distance from the thumb hole that the ball is well cupped.

Connie lifts this ball from the side position—no turning. If he bowls on an alley surface which grabs, he gets a hook like the one shown in drawing C. If the surface is slick, his hook is short as shown in B.

Last year Connie had to move out a little to the right of the position shown in B. He was an accurate bowler in the last All Star and his ball was measured for the pocket time after time. Of course, he captured his share of the thin ones but this big, graceful, six foot three incher had amazing control.

Let's ask a few questions:

Did Connie develop the fingertip ball to give him a more powerful hook? Probably not—he was seeking accuracy.

Remember when he was a youngster and had a tendency to "cup" a conventional ball, which got him into trouble?

Could it be that he was trying to find a grip that would allow him to partially "cup" his ball, thereby giving him greater accuracy?

He is too smart a bowler to sacrifice accuracy for power.

Mind you, Connie has never been asked these questions but some day he may be—right out in meeting.

—*Eli*

News From Columbus

# ABC Tournament Extended 7 Days

**Columbus, Ohio**—Seven more days have been added to the 47th American Bowling Congress tournament which will be held at the Ohio State Fair Coliseum here.

The week's addition means that the tournament will end on June 11 instead of June 4, the date previously announced. The total run will be 58 days.

Seven more days will enable Joe Smolen, schedule maker in charge of registrations, to pack 540 more teams into the affair. The total will be around the 5,000 mark, Smolen said.

### Cornerstone Is Laid

The ABC tournament had its cornerstone laid recently at a meeting of the executive committee of the Columbus Bowling association here.

After plans for the tournament were discussed by Charlie Treuter, tournament director, Frank Hamilton, president of the local organization, was selected as general chairman. He was nominated by Dr. Joel G. Bernhard, the ABC executive director for the Columbus area.

In accepting the position, Hamilton said it was a huge undertaking on the part of the CBA but that he appreciated the ABC's asking the local association for its assistance on the program. He pledged support of the entire membership to make the tournament a success and to aid in displaying Columbus hospitality to visiting bowlers.

### Names Seven Chairmen

Hamilton appointed seven committee chairmen to aid in staging the tournament. He will act as chairman of the advisory committee, with Lew Riebel, champion of Columbus ticket sellers, as chairman of the important ticket sales committee. Other chairmen are Clive Williams, entries; Frank Daugherty, publicity; Charlie Neeb, decorations; Al Rosen, entertainment and transportation for convention week, May 7 to May 13, and Dr. Bernhard, opening ceremonies. City Association Secretary Vic Thayer was named the general secretary. The chairmen will select members of their committees. Clyde McBee was appointed housing chairman for the tournament several months ago.

Among the visitors at the meeting were August Jankowsky, of Detroit, past president of the Congress; Jack Best, president of the Columbus Bowling Proprietors association, and Rollie Foster, past president of the group.

In his report to the committee, Treuter pointed out that 5,004 teams can be accommodated during the tournament and reservations had been received for slightly more than 4,000 teams, according to Smolen.

### Total Expenses, $350,000

The total expense of operating the tournament will exceed $350,000, and $200,000 of that will be payroll for over 300 people, the largest ever because the congress will be in full charge of the event, including building employes, Treuter said.

McBee asked bowlers not to apply for hotel reservations until they receive the official application. That will be mailed to all team captains upon payment of entry fees. McBee said he has received many requests for accommodations but will not honor them until they are processed on the regular form. He explained that this manner of handling the reservations will serve as a protection to the bowler, the hotel and the Congress.

### Interest Developing Fast

The Columbus association will receive 12½% of pre-tournament ticket sales, tax deducted, and 8% of the box office receipts, tax deducted, for its assistance in staging the tournament. The Congress will defray all expenses of promoting and operating the event.

Interest in the tournament at Columbus is developing rapidly. The Columbus Women's Bowling association, at a recent meeting, voted to give the ABC tournament its full support in return for the splendid cooperation given by the Columbus men's association on the 1949 WIBC event. One of their first moves was to pay the entry fees for ten Booster teams for the tournament.

### Milwaukee Is Only Bidder

Among several developments pertaining to future ABC tournaments was the withdrawal of Houston's invitation for the 1952 championships. ABC Vice-President Clarence Leonard announced that Houston's Coliseum, which can house 40 alleys, will not be

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## ABC Schedule Highlights

**Cincinnati, Ohio**—Many of Cincinnati's best bowlers will be on deck at Columbus on Thursday, Apr. 20, when 36 regular teams from the Queen City celebrate "Cincinnati Night." ABC director Frank Zeller recruited many of the teams.

**Portland, Ore.**—Jack Soelberg will bring his "City of Roses" quintet to Columbus on Wednesday, Apr. 26. His team is rated one of the West Coast's best.

**Indianapolis, Ind.**—Carl Hardin, member of the ABC championship team of 1936, will participate with Tompkins Ice Cream on Tuesday, Apr. 25.

**St. Louis, Mo.**—Two former ABC champions, Eddie Doerr and Nelson Burton, are on the Dowd Sporting Goods crew which will fire at Columbus on Tuesday, Apr. 25.

**Toledo, Ohio**—Dan Chester Jewelers, featuring Lou Farkas and a crew of all-stars, will toe the line on Tuesday, May 2.

**Detroit, Mich.**—E and B Beer, the defending all-events championship team and record holders from a money winning standpoint in a single ABC tournament, will shoot on Thursday, May 4. The lineup includes Lou Sielaff, capt., George Young, Therman Gibson, Chuck O'Donnell and Freddie Bujack.

**Chicago, Ill.**—The star-studded Meister Brau crew—Paul Krumske, Joe Sinke, Bill Hargadon, Junie McMahon and Harry Lippe—will bowl at Columbus on Sunday, Apr. 30.

**Prescott, Ariz.**—Ten of this city's best pin topplers will be in Columbus on Tuesday, May 9, performing with the Cowboy Capital and Hassayampa Hotel teams.

**Chicago, Ill.**—Milton Raymer, secretary of the American Junior Bowling Congress, announced that the champion youngsters of his nation-wide tournament will perform at Columbus on Friday, May 12.

**Milwaukee, Wis.**—The Knudten Paints, team all-events champions of the 1948 ABC tournament, with Billy Sixty, Ray Schanen, Burt Barkow, Russ Gersonde and Paul Gilles, will take their bows on Friday, May 12.

**Fort Richardson, Alaska**—The team that spent $5,300 and made a 10,600 mile round trip in 1949 to Atlantic City to take in the ABC jamboree, enjoyed it so much that it will come to Columbus on Tuesday, May 9. The team will bowl under the name of Alaska Boosters.

**Niagara Falls, N. Y.**—A pair of former ABC champions, Angelo Muscarello and Arnold Mooradian, will be in the lineup of Stegmaier's Beer, scheduled for Sunday, May 7.

**New York, N. Y.**—"Chesty Joe" Falcaro and his all-star combination, including Whitey Munn, Charlie Johnson, Marty Cassio and Vic Nuzzolo, will represent Murray Safe, and will try their luck at Columbus on Saturday, May 27.

**Birmingham, Ala.**—Birmingham will be watching Columbus on Friday, May 12, the day of the ABC's annual meeting, when three of the highest average teams from the Southern metropolis take the alleys.

**Tulsa, Okla.**—Les Baston, ABC president last season, will bowl as a member of the Barnes-Manley team on Saturday, May 13. His hook is rough when it's working.

News From St. Louis

# 6,449 Bowlers Receive Individual Membership

By "Whitey" Harris

**St. Louis, Mo.**—A total of 6,449 St. Louis bowlers have received individual membership cards from the St. Louis Bowling association and the American Bowling Congress.

*Charley Fleming*

That announcement was made Oct. 19 by Fred Johnston president of the St. Louis association, William Gray, ABC executive director from this area, and Charley Fleming, the Congress' western field representative who is here to assist and study the mechanics of the new plan.

These 6,449 bowlers belong to 1,122 teams whose normal five-man membership would be 5,610 men.

"Teams are enrolling at the rate of 5 men per team," said Fleming. "This is a higher average than the 4.5 figure which the individual membership committee predicted last spring."

About 12% of the total number of men bowl in more than one league.

Individual membership is the answer to the ABC's amazing growth in the last 10 years during which team membership increased from 132,000 in 1939-40 to 311,000 last season.

### Teams Belong to ABC

For 56 years the ABC has been admitting teams to membership instead of bowlers. The individual belonged to a team which in turn belonged to the ABC.

The bowler had no tangible evidence of membership in the Congress. His team did.

With over a million and a half bowlers belonging to ABC through teams, it is evident that the Congress had to change its system if it wanted to develop a membership roster.

An individual membership committee was appointed in 1947 to study the need for such a plan. It made an exhaustive report at the Atlantic City convention last spring, and the delegates voted to adopt the plan in the 1950-51 season.

**How ABC Has Grown**

| Season | Teams | Individuals |
|---|---|---|
| 1919-20 | 5,100 | 25,500 |
| 1924-25 | 12,000 | 60,000 |
| 1929-30 | 43,000 | 215,000 |
| 1934-35 | 41,000 | 205,000 |
| 1939-40 | 132,000 | 660.000 |
| 1940-41 | 163,000 | 815,000 |
| 1941-42 | 190,000 | 950,000 |
| 1942-43 | 150,000 | 750,000 |
| 1943-44 | 151,000 | 755,000 |
| 1944-45 | 172,000 | 860,000 |
| 1945-46 | 183,000 | 915,000 |
| 1946-47 | 251,000 | 1,265,000 |
| 1947-48 | 280,000 | 1,400,000 |
| 1948-49 | 311,000 | 1,555,000 |

### St. Louis Invited ABC

The St. Louis Bowling association invited the ABC to make this city a proving ground, and on June 18 the committee accepted in behalf of the Congress.

Fleming came to St. Louis in August and began conferring with local officials on proper methods of handling the conversion. The St. Louis association began sanctioning the individual by personal application and payment of a $1 fee.

When a league applies for sanction, it turns over to the city association all individual applications, plus the regular team sanction application. The St. Louis association passes along the individual applications and the team sanction applications to the ABC headquarters at Milwaukee.

### Get Cards From Milwaukee

The individual applications are validated and the membership cards are processed and mailed back to league secretaries here.

League sanction application forms receive the same treatment as do those from the other associations because St. Louis teams still are being sanctioned in the old manner.

Fleming, Johnston, Gray and other local officials are making an exhaustive study of all problems. It is apparent to them that the work of the league secretary and the city association has been increased. Everybody knew this would happen. Other facts disclosed:

1. The speed with which members of the leagues cooperated in signing the membership application forms.
2. The speed with which the sanction work is progressing for the city as a whole.
3. The satisfaction of the bowlers at receiving an individual membership card.
4. Bowlers are unanimous in praise of individual membership.

### A Sixth of Work Is Done

The St. Louis association is the sixth largest in the United States and had 6,355 teams last season. At this time last year, membership work was at the same stage as now, with slightly over one-sixth of the work done.

Stories about the St. Louis membership drive operation will be presented in BOWLING Magazine monthly so that all phases of the problem can be passed on to city association officials throughout the country.

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Alleys in the School

# Father Joe

Whether your troubles are religious, domestic or just being bad with a 10-pin spare, Father Joe is ready to help.

*Father Joe*

In church records at Buffalo, N.Y., he is listed as the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Joseph H. Hoernschemeyer, pastor of St. James Roman Catholic church. But to Buffalo bowlers, he always has been "Father Joe," one of the most popular bowlers on any alley and once good enough to bowl in Buffalo's Classic league (high game, 298).

His church, his people and his bowling are the life of 66-year-old Father Joe. He says he knows there is a relationship between sportsmanlike bowling and good living, and that theory was behind his insistence that two bowling alleys be included in construction plans for St. James school in 1917. The alleys still are there, and they still are the focal point for much of the church's social activity.

There's nothing Father Joe enjoys more than to get a gang of boys and girls together and teach them bowling. Many of the men bowlers of St. James parish were altar boys when Father Joe introduced them to the alleys in the basement. Some of the men have become leading Buffalo bowlers, and one, J. Clarence Haberman, recently was elected a director of the Knights of Columbus National Bowling association.

Father Joe has bowled in 18 ABC tournaments, and he again will captain the Dietrich Funeral Service team in the 1950 tourney at Columbus, Ohio. He probably will set a record as the highest ranking Catholic prelate to captain a regular bowling team in an ABC tournament.

Father Joe was born and reared in Buffalo, and was ordained in 1908. He served as assistant pastor of St. Gerard's church from 1908 to 1919, when he became pastor of St. James church. Only recently Father Joe was elevated to the rank of domestic prelate, with the title of right reverend monsignor, in recognition of his long service to the church.

Buffalo bowlers like to think that Father Joe's bowling and work among young and old bowlers had something to do with the honor.

# America Bowls

The Packard Motor Co. has been singularly free from serious labor disputes since 1934. That was the year George T. Christopher became president.

George Christopher is a bowler, the kind of a bowling guy who razzes and gets razzed by the union steward. A lot of people believe that Packard's labor-management problems have been ironed out on bowling alleys in the last 15 years.

Christopher came up the hard way. There even is a log cabin birthplace in his biography. But on the tough climb up, there always was time for bowling. Christopher always was a bowler, primarily for "fun and exercise," he says. His lifetime average is 172; his current, once-a-week average, 164; his best game, a heavy 256.

"I like bowling because it puts everybody on his own ability," he says. "You have fun and exercise, but just blow a spare in the pinch! You're a dog. Then everything is forgiven if you come back with a strike. I like that."

So if you drop into the Falcon Recreation in Detroit when the Packard league is in session, look careful! You may see how it is when the president and the shop foreman tangle over the serious business of knocking down bowling pins.

"Can you bowl?" That was the "screening" question which movie comedian Harold Lloyd always put to a prospective chauffeur years ago.

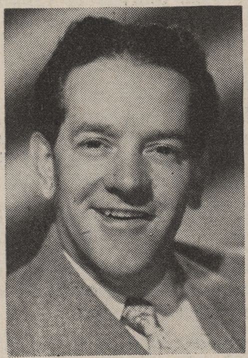
If the applicant could bowl and shift gears, he had a good chance of becoming Lloyd's driver. Lloyd never hired one who couldn't bowl, and the two of them, no matter where they went, lugged their bowling equipment along.

On the way home from the movie lot, Lloyd liked to stop at a bowling alley and start bowling. He and his driver would keep at it, too, until they were chased off the alleys by oncoming league bowlers. This situation became so annoying that Lloyd went in with his friends, Hank Marino and Ned Day of Milwaukee, and built the Llo-Da-Mar at Santa Monica, Calif.

"But even that didn't do any good," he moaned. "There were so many bowlers that I couldn't bowl in my own place."

Shriners over the nation will be seeing a lot of Lloyd during 1949 and 1950. He recently was made Imperial Potentate by the Shriners, and the honor calls for a lot of visits. They also will see a lot of Lloyd's bowling ball and shoes because they still go where he goes.

"All the worries and cares of the world vanish when I bowl," he says. "Of course, new ones take their places—like why am I hitting the Brooklyn or why do I miss that 10 pin?"



It was midnight at the Arena and the noise was terrific. Ten alleys were in action simultaneously.

Back of those ten beds and benches stood a crowd of a hundred people, maybe 200, watching the bowlers and having a fine time.

One man seemed to be having a better time than anyone. He turned out to be Eddie Shipstad, professional skater and co-manager of the Shipstad & Johnston Ice Follies. You see, the exciting setting was the weekly Thursday night session in the Follies bowling league. More than 150 actors, skaters and technicians were relaxing in the swing of bowling balls.

This traveling league—a real one which travels thousands of miles a year—was organized years ago by Shipstad, a 180 average bowler himself.

"I use this league to bring back memories of home to the kids in the show," he explained. "For two hours everybody laughs, has fun and gets acquainted with the other folks in the show.

"Unless we do this, some of the kids never get to know each other.

"Skaters have to have excitement, frivolity and impromptu things happening around them to give them a change of pace from the mathematical routine they follow on the ice.

"A bowling league does this, and it's been a big factor in our success."

# A.B.C. Legal Committee Upholds C.A.'s

The legal committee of the American Bowling Congress has concurred in 25 suspensions of bowlers, sought by seven city associations.

The committee is composed of Judge Richard Winkelman, Fremont, Neb.; Atty. Bernhard Luethy, Camden, N.J.; William Kuster, Kansas City, Mo., and Chairman John J. Canelli, Toledo (Ohio), attorney.

Action on the suspensions was taken in a meeting at Milwaukee Sept. 24.

Nineteen of the suspended men had bowled with teams in unsanctioned tournaments last season. They were:

East Chicago, Ind.—Alex Huttle, Joe Jeneske, Frank Kusek, Cy Moran, Aldo Cacini, Frank Rudzinski, Paul Millis and Walter Serbon.

Martins Ferry, Ohio—A. Oddes, J. Poludniak, L. Rutter, F. Reasbeck and V. Handler.

Canton, Ohio—B. B. Coulter, Sterling Dewalt, Lee Wilson, William Hewson, Charles W. Householder and Clair Butts.

Joseph Boguscz, of Pearl River, N.Y., had been charged with dereliction of his duties as a team captain and failing to reimburse the league for payment to operator of bowling fees for members of his team. The Rockland County B.A. recommended indefinite suspension, and the ABC committee concurred.

The committee also concurred in the suspension of four other bowlers who misappropriated league funds:

The Akron (Ohio) B. A. charged Benton Baker, treasurer of the Vorhies House league, and D. Starcher, treasurer of the Main Commercial league, with misappropriation.

Williamsport, Pa., charged that Charles P. Dietrick, embezzled funds of the Williamsport Major league while serving as its treasurer.

The Long Beach (Calif.) association charged that Treasurer W. V. Mackenzie had misappropriated about $2,200 in the Belmont 825 league and the Belmont Friday Mixed Handicap league.

The Birmingham (Ala.) association brought charges against W. H. Ireland for misuse of tournament entry fees and the writing of bogus checks. They recommended suspension, and the committee concurred.

Three bowlers were reinstated:

**Roy McLeod, of Lansing, Mich.**
**John Borges, of Flint, Mich.**
**Herbert Down, of Erie, Pa.**

An appeal to lift a suspension filed by Getty George, captain of a team which bowled in an unsanctioned tournament, was denied by the committee. The team originated from Coraopolis, Pa.

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## Loses Part of Fingers, Bowler Returns to Sport

**Wichita Falls, Tex.**—Irvin Gore, former member of the Kathryn, Inc., team of Chicago, has returned to bowling after suffering the loss of part of his right thumb and index finger three years ago. They healed slowly and any attempt at bowling was painful. After toughening the stub of his thumb, Gore finished the past season with a 190 average.

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In applying for a triplicate membership card for a bowler, please be sure and supply his address. The Triplicate Editor already has 25 letters which reported triplicates without address.

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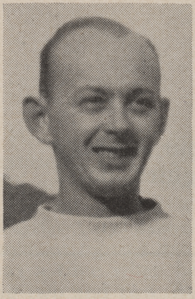
# "300" BOWLERS

1949 Gold Award Winners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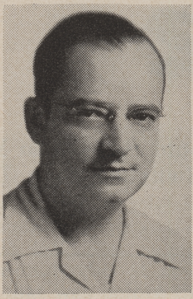
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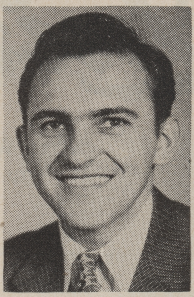
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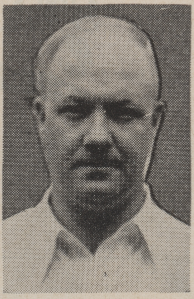
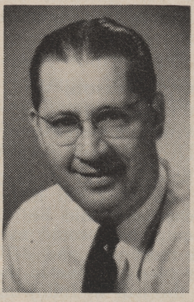

PHILBLAD, Olean, N.Y.

**Oral C. Claxton,** Culver City, Calif., didn't want to bowl May 5, but Jack Williamson talked him into it and he clicked for 300. Oral now is manager of the Emporia Bowl, Emporia, Kans. . . . **Pete Dusablon,** Chicago, rolled his perfect game and his highest total (772) on the last night of the league season, May 3. . . . **Ed Skrzypek,** Detroit, was thrilled twice Feb. 11—his 300 game and the way his mates and opponents pulled for him. . . . **William Philblad,** Olean, N.Y., had 21 strikes in two games and 19 straight on Apr. 11 when he rolled his first 300 game. His "big strike" was a perfect 1-3 hit.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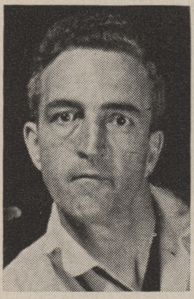
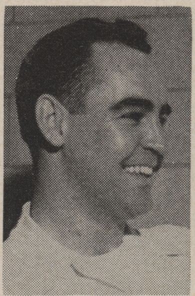

BROSIUS, Chicago

KARSAY, New Brunswick

Would you like to roll 300 and have your team lose its game? That's what happened to **Norbert Penshorn,** San Antonio, Tex., on May 30. His perfect game tied the score and his gang lost the roll-off. His first 300 came on Jan. 26, 1942. . . . **Jim Gesin** rolled the first 300 in Little Rock (Ark.) history on Apr. 17 in the singles event of the city tournament. His first game was 197. Then came the 300. He opened the third game with a strike for 14 in a row. He finished first in team, singles and all events (1919), 6th in 2-man. . . . **Earl Brosius,** Chicago, rolled the second 300 game of the 1949-50 season on opening night of the Chicago Classic league, Sept. 6. . . . **Elmer Karsay,** New Brunswick, N.J., a 175 average man, got his 300 on Mar. 23.

AIKMAN, Medina, O.

MADAMA, Ridgewood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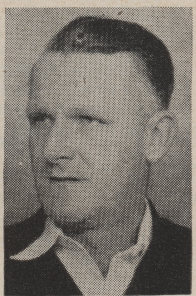
RUBICH, St. Louis

**"Butch" Aikman,** 10, helped his dad, Paul, of Medina, Ohio, get his 300 game on Apr. 14. "Butch" went to the alleys that night. In the 9th frame his father collected strike No. 9. "Butch" was startled to hear the shouting. He rushed over and in a quiet moment asked: "You doing all right, Daddy?" That eased the pressure. . . . **Ed Madama,** Ridgewood, N.J., 30 years a bowler, hit 300 on Feb. 18. Ed has been a 200 average man for years. . . . **Jack Bergman,** Kansas City, Kans., encountered pressure on Mar. 12 when the 20 teams in his league stopped to see his last three balls. . . . **George Rubich,** St. Louis, is the first bowler to roll 300 in the new season, coming Aug. 23. He writes: "As I came up in the 10th I heard a bowler say 'bet he goes over on the Brooklyn.' Noise of the crowd made me forget it."

# STAR Quiz

## What Would Happen to Your Average If You Switched to a Lighter Ball?

A lot of bowlers threaten to switch to a lighter ball every time they have a bum series. The editors of BOWLING Magazine have received many letters on this subject. So the board of experts got what the editors thought was an easy question, but the answers indicate that the stars approached it quite warily.

*(Next month's question is on the advantages of two and three holed balls. Have you a good question? Send it in.)*

**Paul Krumske,** a studious bowler if there ever was one, has an answer that deserves lots of study.

Not having used a lighter weight ball for an extended period of time, I can only surmise how my average would be affected. With a 15 pound ball, I think I would average about four to five points less; with a 14 pound ball, about ten points less.

My style of bowling is coordinated to the delivery of a 16 pound ball. With this weight ball I know how much I can lift or roll the ball. I also know how to judge my speed. The full weight, 16 pound ball, as I deliver it now, has more roll and driving power than a ball of lighter weight.

With a 14½ or a 15 pound ball I would have a tendency to roll the ball with a greater amount of speed. The additional speed would have a tendency to cut the work or effectiveness of the ball as it hits the pins. The faster you roll a ball, the less chance it has to grab on the surface of the alley.

The closer to the foul line that a ball "takes" on an alley, the more effective it is when it hits the pins.

While it would be much easier for me to roll and control a lighter ball, I do not think I would score as well, especially under tournament conditions.

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**Buddy Bomar** indicates there are a number of other factors to be considered:

All factors should be answered when we begin to talk about changing the weight of a ball:

1. Weight of the pins.
2. Surface condition of the beds.
3. The speed of the ball.
4. The turn supplied by the bowler.

If you use a 14½ pound ball and went to the extreme by setting up heavy pins or by using slick alleys or a terrific amount of speed, I would estimate that it would be tough for me to average more than 170.

Speed alone would cause the lighter ball to bounce more when it hit the pocket or on various spares where there were two or more pins standing. In the event the alley was slick, it would be much harder for a lighter ball to grip the alley and have enough roll.

It is much more difficult for a lighter ball to possess traction on the alley. As we all know, the lighter the object, the lesser effect gravity has.

Conversely, if you bowled on beds that were not slick, it is possible that your average possibilities might climb up into the 190's, particularly if you had light pins and kept your speed under control.

My choice has been a 16 pound ball for years.

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**Connie Schwoegler,** Madison, Wis., the All Star champ, isn't experimenting with a light ball, what with the defense of his title coming up on Dec. 3. His answer:

Never having bowled with a 14½ pound ball, I am sure I could never guess what the reaction would be. I imagine a 14½ pound ball would naturally leave a lot more 5-7 and 8-10 splits on seemingly nice hits due to the lack of weight of the ball in following through. How much my average would be affected in this case would be very hard to say.

I am now rolling a ball that weighs 15 pounds, 14¾ ounces—or as bowling balls go, a 16 pound ball.

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**Joe Wilman,** the Berwyn Bomber, has tried that 14½ pound job, and here is what he says about it:

If I switched to a 14½ or a 15 pound ball now, after 28 years of rolling a 16 pounder, I know my average would really drop, at least for awhile.

My timing, backswing and delivery are based on a 16 pound ball, and it would take some time to make the adjustment necessary to throw a lighter weight ball. I know, I've tried!

For the average bowler who hasn't been bowling too long, using a 14½ or a 15 pound ball might even increase his average, as it would tend to eliminate one of the common faults, losing or dropping the ball.

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**Bill Flesch,** the old chopper, thinks he'd lose four or five pins on his average if he switched to a 14½ pounder. He explains:

If I went to a lighter weight ball, I think it would lower my average about four to five points. The lighter weight would cause me to speed up. To adjust this tendency of speed, it would mean changing my natural, normal delivery. However, if a person's physical makeup is of a slight nature, I would recommend a lighter weight ball.

He can then be natural and use a free, normal delivery without tiring. When a person tires, he will have to force his delivery and will automatically lose timing, rhythm and free motion.

I use a 16 pound ball.

**Nelson Burton,** the St. Louis student, adds considerable logic to the case against switching from a heavier to a lighter ball:

There is no way to accurately estimate the exact amount of points that a 14½ or 15 pound ball would reduce my bowling average without bowling it a whole season over various conditions. However, I believe that my average would drop at least 6 pins per game.

I am sure that, inasmuch as I usually play the 1-3 pocket on the light side with a hook ball, a lighter ball would glance to the right when it hit the pocket (not dig into the pins) more than a 16 pound ball, making me lose strikes on good hits by leaving the 10 pin more often. It also would bring splits on thin hits by leaving the 8-10 or 5-7.

I always have rolled a 16 pound ball.

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**Tony Sparando,** Woodside, N.Y., pocketshooter deluxe, answers:

After I read this question, I hunted up an engineer whom I knew to be a bowler. I put the problem to him. He claimed that with a lighter ball you could get the same effect on the pins by increasing the speed.

He had the formula, too, to prove his argument.

I believe that to go to a lighter ball would ruin my timing, which would cause my accuracy to go astray. This would ruin my average.

I am positive that a light ball will not carry the pins like a full weight ball, like the 16 pounder I am using now.

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**Joe Norris,** the fireball from Chicago, says:

My present ball weighs 15 pounds, 8 ounces and it has not affected my average.

However, when you drop down to 14½ pounds, there is bound to be some effect, particularly when you encounter heavier pins. I feel that if I went to a ball that light, my average would be affected, unless I could find some compensating factor to balance out the effect of deflection which such a light ball would be sure to develop.

I feel that persons of slight stature should throw a light weight ball. This would enable them to get a better lift over the foul line and the proper follow through.

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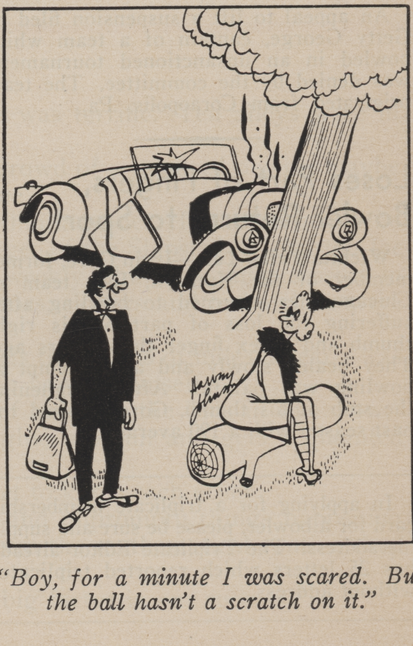

*"Boy, for a minute I was scared. But the ball hasn't a scratch on it."*

## Sponsots

**Sturgeon Bay, Wis.—Earl "Mitch" LaPlant**, well known for his sponsorship of two teams from the Cherry Center of the nation, wowed the community recently with this advertisement:

"Call any 1, and I will answer when that new phone book comes out and my numbers will have been changed to:

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|---|---|
| **My Office** | **No. 1** |
| **My Ranchhouse** | **No. 11** |
| **My Home** | **No. 111** |

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**Pocatello, Ida.—The Wilson Brothers** team, composed of five brothers named Wilson, is sponsored by Tom Wilson, who is no kin. Tom operates a flying service and thought that all Wilsons should stick together. He doesn't bowl with them, but he does transport them to other cities in his planes—free.

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**Jackson, Mich.—Proprietors here** recently presented William M. Morris, of the Miller Jewelers, a scroll in recognition of his sponsorship of bowling teams. Morris himself is a bowler.

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**Detroit, Mich.—The Abdoo Electric** team here is sponsored by David Abdoo, who bowls with five of his brothers, Elmer, Samuel, Richard, Joe and Fred. Elmer is the city association secretary of Port Huron. The team is competing in its third straight ABC tournament next spring.

## New Sports Magazine Features Bowling Story

**New York, N.Y.**—Street & Smith Publications' new magazine, "Sports Review," which hit the newsstands Nov. 2, contained a four-page bowling feature built around the annual "Bowler-of-the-Year" award announced last September.

## *Not a Day off in 30 Years, Army Man Credits Bowling*

**Camp Kilmer, N.J.**—Sgt. Chas. G. Smith, 65, has earned a 2½ year furlough by serving 30 years in the army without having a day off. He attributes his durability to "lots of bowling."

## 123 Year Old College Increases Its Teams

**Alton, Ill.**—The Shurtless college bowling league has increased its membership from four to six teams this season. Members are students in this 123 year old college.

## *At 87, He Claims To Be Nation's Oldest Pin 'Boy'*

**Cleveland, Ohio**—Pete Antelesk, 87, claims that he is the oldest pin setter in the nation. He takes his regular turn here in the Superior-East 118th Recreation.

### Former New York Official Dies

**Auburn, N.Y.**—Matthew P. Cheche, president of the New York State Bowling association in 1936-37, died Sept. 22 at his home here.

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### He Didn't Like 'Math'

# Bowling Came to Rescue

**By Carl W. Reich, Jr.**

Of the San Francisco Examiner

For a fellow who didn't like mathematics, Louie Lenzen is getting pretty well acquainted with the subject.

Lenzen is secretary of the Richmond (Calif.) City association, and long columns of figures are his daily diet. There was a time when he would rebel at adding two and two. But that was before the bowlers of Richmond took him in hand.

Ten years ago Louie Lenzen was a 190 average bowler and a pretty good athlete. He had been a professional baseball player in Shanghai, China.

Then an infection hit both his legs. It spread, and they had to be amputated.

"You can imagine what that did to me," Lenzen says now. "I had been a bowler and a baseball player. I couldn't stand doing nothing, and it looked like there was nothing for me to do. Then my friends, the bowlers, came to my rescue."

Four of them ganged up and staged a benefit tournament to buy Lenzen artificial legs. The worst blow came when he tried them on. The condition of his legs wouldn't let him use them. He was to go legless for the rest of his life.

"It knocked me for a loop," he says.

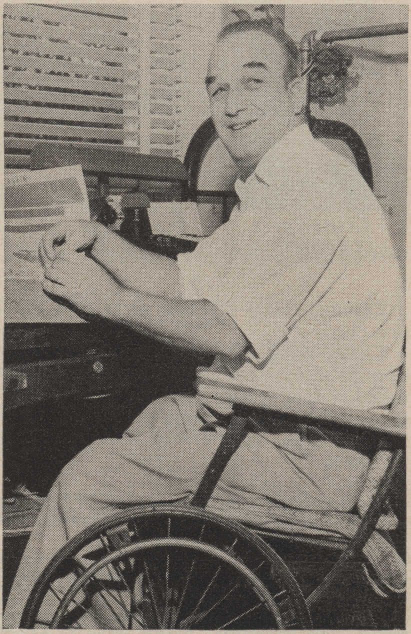
But the bowlers weren't through doing things for Louie Lenzen, a guy they liked pretty much.

Ted Carson was city secretary. He arranged for Lenzen to do statistical work for several leagues.

"Me, a guy who didn't like figures," Lenzen recalls.

But Carson found that Lenzen was good at mathematics, and the work kept him busy. His mind was on bowling, even if his feet never again would run the approaches.

When Carson was sure Lenzen could handle the city association job, Carson resigned. Lenzen became secretary. Now he has so much work to do in the office at the rear of his home that he farms some of it out to two assistants. He even gets to a lot of the league play and tournaments. Friends carry him.



*Louie Lenzen*

He enjoys coaching beginning bowlers, and he manages several teams. His Butcherettes team has won the 750 league for three years running.

Not long ago the fifth annual Richmond Labor Day Handicap Singles classic was dedicated to Lenzen. A thousand bowlers demanded a speech.

"Bowlers helped me when I needed help," he said.

Now Louie Lenzen is helping bowlers and bowling.

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# Season's High Score Leaders

## Top Contenders for Gold, Silver, Bronze ABC Awards

(Includes total received at ABC office up to Oct. 18)

### FIVE-MAN LEADERS

| High Team Totals | | High Team Games | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Stroh Bohemian Beer, Detroit, Mich. | 3352 | *Braumeisters, Green Bay, Wis. | 1208 |
| *Keeley Half & Half Beer, Chicago, Ill. | 3349 | *Keeley Half & Half Beer, Chicago, Ill. | 1197 |
| *Niemann Sons', Milwaukee, Wis. | 3343 | *Tavern Pales, Chicago, Ill. | 1194 |
| *Tavern Pales, Chicago, Ill. | 3318 | *Niemann Sons', Milwaukee, Wis. | 1194 |
| *Fife Electric, Detroit, Mich. | 3233 | *Stroh Bohemian Beer, Detroit, Mich. | 1189 |

### FOUR-MAN LEADERS

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| ● Carbone Motors, Utica, N. Y. | 2336 | ● Carbone Motors, Utica, N. Y. | 896 |

### THREE-MAN LEADERS TWO-MAN LEADERS

No scores reported

### HIGH INDIVIDUAL THREE-GAME TOTALS

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|---|---|---|---|
| *Ed Easter, Detroit | 791 | *Max Stobba, West Allis, Wis. | 767 |
| *Walter Janke, Milwaukee, Wis. | 767 | *Frisco Burnett, Tacoma, Wash. | 762 |

* Indicates claim for high score award has not been filed with ABC.

● Indicates claim for high score award has been received by ABC.

**The American Bowling Congress made these awards between Aug. 1 and Oct. 14.**

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| Oct. 7—Arthur E. Ek, Cleveland, Ohio | 300 | Sept. 26—Martin Schrai, Peoria, Ill. | 300 |
| Sept. 8—Joseph Gregor, Berwyn, Ill. | 300 | Sept. 19—Robert Swartz, Detroit, Mich. | 299 |
| Aug. 23—George Rubich, St. Louis, Mo. | 300 | Sept. 23—Reuel Lynott, Toledo, Ohio | 298 |

## Stories about PROPRIETORS

**Port Huron, Mich.—Lewis "Red" Jones,** former 185-average bowler, is turning into a southpaw—all because of an industrial accident in which he lost his right thumb. He is a 25-year bowler and was known for his consistent performing. Soon after his accident Emery's Recreation gave him a pair of left handed shoes and 100 lines of bowling and the Port Huron Rec. donated a left-handed bowling ball.

*Lewis Jones*

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**Toledo, Ohio—"When duty and pleasure clash—"**

That's what Ben Fain, manager of the new 20 alley Reynolds Corners Rec, pondered a few weeks ago when he realized that he had an opening on Friday nights for 20 teams. He decided he'd have to go to work.

So he cancelled his reservations on the ill fated S.S. Noronic.

Fain's brother was rescued in the disaster but two members of the Fain party were lost.

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**Muncie, Ind.—The name "Sport Bowl"** won, and four bowlers here are $25 richer. Walter Eissenman, manager of a new 16 alley establishment, couldn't think of a suitable name, so he asked the Muncie Star to conduct a contest. Over 2,500 persons participated. Four sent in the "Sport Bowl" name, and were awarded duplicate prizes.

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**New York, N.Y.—I. S. Srebnick,** manager of the Roxy Bowling Center, was elected president of the Eastern Bowling Proprietor's association to succeed the late Peter Parkas. Other officers are Vice-Presidents Ed Lawler, Ollie Holmes and Charley Parkas, Secretary Nick Gianos and Treasurer Dave Erwick.

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**Cincinnati, Ohio—Herman Mergard,** local proprietor, recently staged a party in celebration of Judge William D. Alexander's 50th year of bowling. Judge Alexander spoke at the opening ceremonies of the 56th season of the Hamilton County Bowling league. It was his 50th appearance as speaker.

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**Chicago, Ill.—Members of the Chicago** proprietor's group recently addressed an unanimous letter of appreciation to fellow member John D. Quan in recognition of his re-election as president of the National Bowling Proprietor's Association of America and as president of the National Bowling Council. The letter ended:

"May the sound judgment, the same driving force and the same boundless energy manifested by you in the past continue to characterize your future administration of duties in both offices and may God's choicest blessings be upon you always."

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## Attention City Associations

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## sweepstakes results

**5th Get-A-Way Singles, Chicago, Ill.**

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|---|---|---|
| Ray Bluth, St. Louis, Mo. | 1282 | $1,000 |
| Paul Krumske, Chicago, Ill. | 1255 | 600 |
| Walter Ward, Cleveland, O. | 1254 | 500 |
| Robby Robinson, Chicago, Ill. | 1247 | 400 |
| Connie Schwoegler, Madison, Wis. | 1243 | 300 |

Entries, 280; places, 20; prizes, 36; fund, $4,200.

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**1st Queen's Classic, Chicago, Ill.**

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| Charles Sena, Chicago, Ill. | 921 | $300 |
| Joe Ferek, Chicago, Ill. | 863 | 150 |
| John Gromacki, St. Louis, Mo. | 839 | 100 |
| Leman Emmons, St. Louis, Mo. | 825 | 75 |
| Les Fuller, Chicago, Ill. | 824 | 50 |

Entries, 186; places, 15; prizes, 34; fund, $1,069.

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**5th Pla-Mor Team Sweeps, Chicago, Ill.**

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| Meister Braus, Chicago, Ill. | 4002 | $500 |
| Alto Enterprises, Chicago, Ill. | 3859 | 375 |
| Washington Shirts, Chicago, Ill. | 3851 | 280 |
| Monarch Beer, Chicago, Ill. | 3844 | 200 |
| Strohs Beer, Detroit, Mich. | 3836 | 150 |

Entries, 35; places, 11; fund, $1,750.

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**2nd All-Star Team Sweeps, Detroit, Mich.**

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|---|---|---|
| Fife Electric, Detroit, Mich. | 3021 | $300 |
| WXYZ-TV, Detroit, Mich. | 2941 | 200 |
| Pepsi Cola, Detroit, Mich. | 2905 | 100 |
| Log Cabin Recreation. Detroit, Mich. | 2899 | 50 |
| Stroh Beer, Detroit, Mich. | 2836 | 40 |

Entries, 15; places, 5; fund, $691.

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**L. A. County Fair Singles, Pomona, Calif.**

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|---|---|---|
| Chuck Bowman, Glendale, Calif. | 1135 | $500 |
| Jack Clifford, Pomona, Calif. | 1106 | 200 |
| Frank Tinnett, Long Beach, Calif. | 1094 | 130 |
| Joe Youngbauer, Van Nuys, Calif. | 1079 | 90 |
| Eddie Cochems, Long Beach, Calif. | 1079 | 90 |

Places, 40; prizes, 74; prize fund, $2,148.

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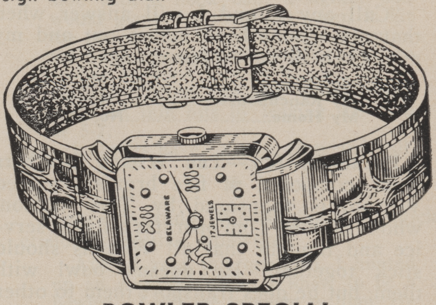

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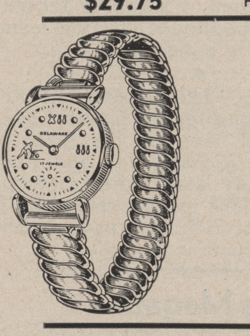

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# Filing Deadline on Amendments Is Set for Dec. 1

Dec. 1 is the deadline for filing amendments to the constitution, rules and regulations of the American Bowling Congress. Proposed amendments, submitted by this date, will be acted on at the next annual meeting of delegates at Columbus, Ohio, on May 12, 1950.

Nine amendments already had been received at the home office of the Congress by mid-October, according to Al Matzelle, head of the ABC's rules interpretation department.

Two of them deal with city and state tournaments.

The New York Bowling association proposes that bowlers be allowed to bowl in more than one state tournament if they meet certain eligibility conditions.

The Lake Mills (Wis.) Bowling association has submitted an amendment that would make bowlers eligible to bowl all-events in more than one city tournament, providing the bowlers are members of the city associations in which tournaments they compete. Bowlers now are permitted to bowl in the five-man event in more than one city tournament, but they are eligible for doubles and singles competition in only one association tournament.

Another important amendment proposes that booster entries in the ABC annual championships be limited to teams within a specified mileage radius of the host city.

Many other amendments are clarifications of existing rules.

The new equipment committee of the ABC is expected to submit two amendments on pin specifications.

The first would propose that pin manufacturers round the base of regulation pins on a 3/32nd of an inch radius. This would permit a slight roll of a uniform pattern at the base edge of the pins. The purpose of the amendment would be to remove the sharp edge of the pin bottom and increase the life of the pin.

The second proposal would provide specifications governing pin base attachments for prolonging the life of pins. Engineers now are making tests to determine necessary factors to maintain scorability. The main factors include hardness, friction and specific gravity.

Pending this research work, the Congress is accepting scores rolled against pins with three different base attachments. They are Kimber bottoms, AMF Perma-base and the Williams' base.

The new equipment committee also is expected to propose that rules governing designs and targets, used on alleys, be generalized. The range finder is the only device providing targets currently approved by the Congress.

## Five Cities Are Selected For B'nai B'rith Tourneys

**Toledo, Ohio** — National B'nai B'rith bowling tournaments will be staged in five sections this season, according to M. J. Marenberg, executive secretary. Cities selected are Duluth, Minn.; Denver, Colo.; Omaha, Neb.; Grand Rapids, Mich., and Columbus, Ohio. Dates will be announced later.

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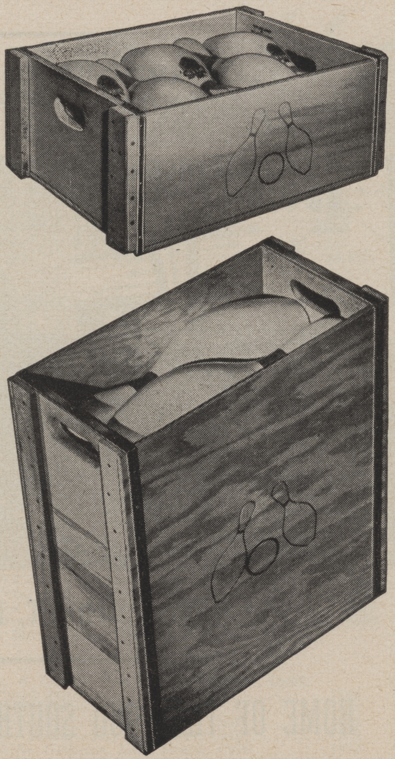

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# The 1948-1949

*(The following statement of ABC assets, liabilities and fund balances for the year ending July 31, 1949, is published in BOWLING MAGAZINE in accordance with a resolution adopted by delegates to the 1947 ABC convention in Los Angeles.—Editor.)*

September 14, 1949

American Bowling Congress
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

We have examined the balance sheet of the American Bowling Congress as of July 31, 1949, and the related statements of revenues and expenses for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statements of revenues and expenses present fairly the financial position of the American Bowling Congress at July 31, 1949, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

### Condensed Statement of Assets, Liabilites and Fund Balances July 31, 1949

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **ASSETS** | | |
| **Current Assets:** | | |
| Cash | | |
| General Fund | $241,604.52 | |
| Redistribution clearing account | 385.50 | |
| United States government bonds | 100,000.00 | |
| Accrued interest on bonds | 856.51 | |
| Receivables less reserve | 3,732.95 | |
| Total current assets | | $346,579.48 |
| **Deferred and Prepaid Items:** | | |
| Advances for travel expense | $ 3,542.22 | |
| Advances for future tournaments | 9,457.24 | |
| Employes Insurances | 112.89 | |
| Inventories—high score awards | 2,976.82 | |
| Inventories—postage | 1,056.43 | |
| Unexpired insurance | 619.46 | |
| Other prepaid items | 13,858.22 | |
| Total deferred and prepaid items | | 31,623.28 |
| **Fixed Assets:** | | |
| Office furniture and fixtures | | |
| Home office | $ 55,293.16 | |
| Eastern office | 2,792.49 | |
| Western office | 2,060.07 | |
| Tournament equipment | 12,090.09 | |
| Total | $ 72,235.81 | |
| Less depreciation reserves | 31,276.37 | |
| Net fixed assets | | 40,959.44 |
| Total assets | | $419.162.20 |
| **LIABILITIES** | | |
| **Current Liabilities:** | | |
| Accounts payable | $ 11,974.79 | |
| Redistribution clearing account | 385.50 | |
| Credit balances due associations and others | 805.03 | |
| Accrued advertising commission | 25.50 | |
| Provision for taxes | 5,289.74 | |
| Total current liabilities | | $ 18,480.56 |
| **Provision for Film Program Expense** | | 20,000.00 |
| **FUND BALANCES** | | |
| Reserve fund | $100,000.00 | |
| General fund | 271,436.56 | |
| Tournament fund | 9,245.08 | |
| Total fund balances | | 380,681.64 |
| Total liabilities and fund balances | | $419,162.20 |

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ABC

### Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Fiscal Year Ended July 31, 1949

### REVENUES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Regular team membership dues | $461,845.50 | |
| Less—Portion paid for magazine subscriptions | 39,356.50 | |
| | | $422,489.00 |
| Booster team dues | | 815.25 |
| Alley certificate fees | $ 12.944.00 | |
| Less—Portion paid for magazine subscriptions | 6,802.00 | |
| | | 6,142.00 |
| Magazine subscription fees: | | |
| Portion paid with dues and fees | $ 46,158.50 | |
| Other subscriptions | 5,162.65 | |
| Total | $ 51,321.15 | |
| Magazine advertising receipts | 75,416.20 | |
| Magazine copy sales | 49.75 | |
| Total magazine income | | 126,787.10 |
| Income from investments | | 2,792.20 |
| Discounts on purchases | | 444.07 |
| Miscellaneous income | | 270.54 |
| Total revenues | | $559,740.16 |

### EXPENSES

**Public Relations and Membership Promotion:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries | $ 14,060.00 | |
| Travel expense | 137.23 | |
| Printed matter | 1,338.00 | |
| Postage, cartage and express | 1,371.22 | |
| Telephone and telegraph | 55.34 | |
| Film, film repairs and photos | 632.25 | |
| Newspaper and magazine subsubscriptions | 110.32 | |
| Historical exhibit | 645.29 | |
| National Bowling Council contribution | 1,250.00 | |
| American Junior Bowling Congress contribution | 5,000.00 | |
| Industrial Recreation Association dues | 250.00 | |
| Unclassified | 1,267.52 | |
| Total public relations and membership promotion | | $ 26,117.17 |

### FIELD SERVICE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries | $ 18,780.57 | |
| Travel Expense | 9,137.03 | |
| Postage, cartage and express | 158.74 | |
| Stationery and office supplies | 194.22 | |
| Rent | 2,544.99 | |
| Telephone and telegraph | 507.53 | |
| Light | 64.67 | |
| Depreciation—office furniture and fixtures | 296.54 | |
| Furniture and fixture expense | 37.95 | |
| Fidelity bonds and insurance | 240.86 | |
| Property taxes | 5.48 | |
| Newspaper and magazine subscriptions | 10.75 | |
| Employes insurance premiums | 701.96 | |
| State payroll taxes | 363.29 | |
| United States payroll taxes | 174.94 | |
| General expense | 1,126.89 | |
| Total field services | | $ 34,346.41 |

### MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries—membership | $ 20,763.75 | |
| Salaries—sanction tournament | 8,774.69 | |
| Salaries—certification | 5,219.69 | |
| Salaries—bonding and high score | 3,653.87 | |
| Salaries—other general service | 18,534.67 | |
| Total salaries | $ 56,946.67 | |
| Printed matter—membership | 34,530.74 | |
| Printed matter—sanction tournament | 451.81 | |
| Printed matter—certification | 658.17 | |
| Printed matter—bonding and high score | 664.85 | |
| Postage, cartage and express | 6,790.76 | |
| High score awards | 8,687.01 | |
| Treasurers' bond premiums | 8,877.36 | |
| Telephone and telegraph | 1,368.87 | |
| General expense | 33.05 | |
| Total membership services | | $119,009.29 |

### BOWLING MAGAZINE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries | $ 12,307.83 | |
| Travel expense | 506.06 | |
| Printing magazine | 58,063.00 | |
| Postage | 4,758.64 | |
| Addressing, mailing and wrapping | 4,270.17 | |
| Halftones, zincs, electros, drawing | 3,109.46 | |
| Stories and articles | 490.50 | |
| Other supplies | 412.98 | |
| Subscription promotion | 871.46 | |
| Advertising promotion | 972.99 | |
| Advertising commissions | 23,191.50 | |
| Advertising management services | 2,400.00 | |
| Cash discounts on advertising | 1,009.65 | |
| Commissions on subscriptions | 86.54 | |
| Telephone and telegraph | 334.77 | |
| Provision for bad debts | 508.49 | |
| Unclassified | 15.98 | |
| Total Bowling Magazine | | $113,310.02 |

### OFFICE AND GENERAL EXPENSE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries—administrative | $ 22,299.99 | |
| Salaries—accounting | 9,506.72 | |
| Salaries—office | 13,733.79 | |
| Total salaries | $ 45,540.50 | |
| Committee meetings, travel and expense | 6,212.13 | |
| Officials' travel and per diem—Convention | 8,900.36 | |
| Other convention expense | 3,171.29 | |
| Directors' other travel and expense | 1,123.16 | |
| Employees' travel and other expense | 4,342.85 | |
| Secretary's expense | 1,181.36 | |
| President's expense | 3,392.04 | |
| Postage, cartage and express | 2,077.77 | |
| Stationery and office supplies | 5,032.03 | |
| Rent | 6,244.20 | |
| Telephone and telegraph | 1,931.20 | |
| Power and light | 659.91 | |
| Depreciation—Office furniture and fixtures | 3,918.00 | |
| Furniture and fixture expense | 2,184.59 | |
| Professional services and expense | 5,236.62 | |
| Insurance and fidelity bonds | 815.40 | |
| Donations and contributions | 154.61 | |
| Esteem and sympathy tokens | 3,436.98 | |
| Employees' insurance premiums | 8,426.67 | |
| State payroll taxes | 548.53 | |
| United States payroll taxes | 1,323.21 | |
| Property taxes | 560.88 | |
| Unclassified | 2,493.79 | |
| Total office and general expense | | $118,908.08 |
| Total expenses | | $411,690.97 |
| Excess of revenues over expenses | | $148,049.19 |
| Tournament excess of revenues over expenses | | 1,781.75 |
| Excess of all revenues over all expenses | | $149,830.94 |

### STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF 1949 TOURNAMENT AT ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

#### Income

Entry Fees Received:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Five-man teams — 5,444 at $25.00 | $136,100.00 | |
| Two-man teams — 11,471 at 10.00 | 114,710.00 | |
| Individuals — 22,963 at 5.00 | 114,815.00 | |
| All-Events — 18,158 at 3.00 | 54,474.00 | $420,099.00 |
| Bowling fees — 73,125 at $ 3.00 | | 219,375.00 |
| Total entry and bowling fees | | $639,474.00 |

**Deduct:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Share of entry fees apportioned for prizes by committee | $370,141.00 | |
| Tie-score money apportionment | 1,490.00 | |
| Additional apportionment for errors in prize lists | 300.35 | |
| Total of checks issued for prizes | $371,931.35 | |
| Championship medals and trophies | 6,118.02 | |
| Total prizes | | 378,049.37 |
| Balance available for tournament expenses | | $261,424.63 |

**Other Income:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Receipts from bowlers' check room | $ 12,837.50 | |
| Receipts from advertising | 1,000.00 | |
| Receipts from photo concession | 2,240.36 | |
| Receipts from Atlantic City Convention Bureau | 5,875.00 | 21,952.86 |
| Total income available for tournament expenses | | $283,377.49 |

#### Expenses

**Construction, Installation and Equipment Costs:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alley installation contract | $ 18,537.50 | |
| Carpenters labor and material | 15,311.31 | |
| Electrical wiring and maintenance | 6,391.70 | |
| Decorating, seating and equipment expense | 2,933.19 | |
| Hauling charges for moving equipment | 1,795.47 | |
| Total construction, installation and equipment costs | | $ 44,969.17 |

**Payrolls and Expense Incidental Thereto:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries—home office employes | $ 19,329.23 | |
| Clerical salaries other than home office | 6,705.03 | |
| Wages—bookmen | 31,842.00 | |
| Wages—boardmen | 43,327.70 | |
| Wages—pitmen | 42,359.40 | |
| Wages—paddock, gatemen, foul judges | 9,163.00 | |
| Wages—superintendent | 1,123.00 | |
| Wages—pre and post tournament work | 2,407.06 | |
| Wages—check room | 6,947.50 | |
| Wages—score sheet auditors | 2,565,00 | |
| Wages—nurses | 1,043.77 | |
| Payroll taxes—states | 81.10 | |
| Payroll taxes—federal | 6,117.10 | |
| Total payrolls and expenses incidental thereto | | $173,010.89 |

**Other Direct Tournament Costs:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Employes' uniforms | $ 1,785.68 | |
| Laundering and lost towels | 1,175.86 | |
| Signs | 214.00 | |
| Printing of forms, schedules, prize lists, etc. | 15,147.34 | |
| Supplies | 2,323.89 | |
| Repairs and maintenance of equipment | 770.79 | |
| Depreciation of tournament equipment | 1,686.19 | |
| Total other direct tournament costs | | $ 23,103.75 |

**General Expense:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Postage | | $ 3,410.43 | |
| Office equipment rentals, supplies and expense | | 2,531.06 | |
| Telephone and telegraph | | 1,601.32 | |
| Freight, cartage and express | | 666.27 | |
| Insurance | | 2,248.07 | |
| Employes' travel and living expense | | 26,753.01 | |
| Sundry: | | | |
| Promotion expense—press radio | $1,098.89 | | |
| Stenographic services | 595.00 | | |
| Gratuities to Convention Hall employes | 750.00 | | |
| Employes' party | 335.55 | | |
| Photos | 223.00 | | |
| Participation awards | 283.03 | | |
| Organ music | 90.00 | | |
| Trophy for team traveling longest distance | 76.56 | | |
| Unclassified | 295.34 | 3,747.37 | |
| Total general expense | | | $ 40,957.53 |
| Total tournament expense | | | $282,041.34 |
| Excess of revenues over expenses—Atlantic City tournament | | | $ 1,336.15 |

**Prior Year Tournament Adjustments:**
**Income:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Uncashed prize fund checks cancelled | $ 101.75 | |
| Uncashed payroll checks cancelled | 35.87 | |
| Reduction in liability to Marathon Linen Supply Co. for lost towels | 325.00 | |
| Total income | $ 462.60 | |

**Expense:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Additional prize check issued | 17.00 | 445.60 |
| Excess of all revenues over expenses for fiscal year ended July 31, 1949 | | $ 1,781.75 |

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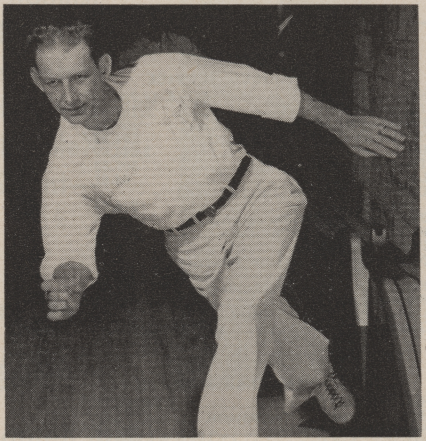
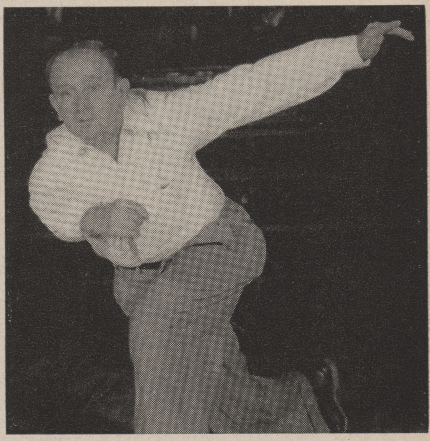
# 700 Clubs of America

## Tribute to La Societe de 800

By Ferd Lipovetz



*Hank Lauman*



*Paul Marian*

Once every two years we pay tribute to the members of La Societe de 800, the honor organization of the 700 Bowling Clubs of America.

Hank Lauman, formerly of St. Louis and now of Los Angeles, is the singles champ. He won his title in the "800" singles at the 1949 ABC at Atlantic City. His score, 687. Lauman will defend his title at the 1950 ABC classic at Columbus, Ohio.

Paul Marian, of Chicago, is the new grand emperor. He succeeds Albert (Allie) Brandt, of Lockport, N.Y., and will serve into 1951.

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Here is the all-time national 800 roster:

| | |
|---|---|
| Albert Brandt, Lockport, N. Y. | 886 |
| Paul Marian, Chicago, Ill. | 865 |
| John Bascou, Sacramento, Calif. | 863 |
| Max Stein, Los Angeles, Calif. | 855 |
| Frank Benkovic, Dallas, Tex. | 854 |
| Dick Hoover, Akron, Ohio | 847 |
| James Meneely, Paterson, N. J. | 847 |
| Walter Ward, Cleveland, Ohio | 836 |
| Edward J. Gass, Allendale, N. J. | 834 |
| George Young, Dearborn, Mich. | 834 |
| Hank Marino, Milwaukee, Wis. | 833 |
| George Billick, Old Forge, Pa. | 825 |
| Joseph Kittell, Williamsport, Pa. | 825 |
| Cecil Hart, Hackensack, N. J. | 824 |
| Peter Kisloki, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. | 824 |
| Thomas Shimko, Larksville, Pa. | 824 |
| Gene White, Minneapolis, Minn. | 823 |
| John Fela, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. | 822 |
| O. E. Ragogna, St. Paul, Minn. | 821 |
| Henry Luman, Los Angeles, Calif. | 820 |
| Paul Krumske, Chicago, Ill. | 817 |
| Andy Yorke, Camden, N. J. | 817 |
| Harry Zoeller, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. | 817 |
| Andy Grilli, Milwaukee, Wis. | 816 |
| Art Scheer, St. Louis, Mo. | 815 |
| Cone Hermann, St. Louis, Mo. | 815 |
| John Haycock, Cicero, Ill. | 815 |
| Frank Serpico, Philadelphia, Pa. | 813 |
| Benny McNevich, Staten Island, N. Y. | 813 |
| Harold Newell, Philadelphia, Pa. | 813 |
| Solly Forneck, Tunkhannah, Pa. | 812 |
| Anthony Kisloski, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. | 812 |
| Paul Kraft, Dunmore, Pa. | 812 |
| Walter Anderson, Rockford, Ill. | 811 |
| Johnny Crimmins, Detroit, Mich. | 811 |
| Therman Gibson, Detroit, Mich. | 811 |
| Joe Wilman, Berwyn, Ill. | 811 |
| Louis Anargeros, New York | 810 |
| Ted Tadich, Tacoma, Wash. | 808 |
| Edward Botten, E. Orange, N. J. | 806 |
| Lou Campi, Dumont, N. J. | 806 |
| Adair Comstock, Stockton, Calif. | 805 |
| Stanley Niemiec, Rutherford, N. J. | 805 |
| Pete Peterson, Chicago, Ill. | 805 |
| Carl Winterberg, Chicago, Ill. | 804 |
| Ben Rose, Upper Darby, Pa. | 804 |
| Frank Clause, Old Forge, Pa. | 803 |
| Art Cummings, Minneapolis, Minn. | 803 |
| Cliff Mugridge, Fresno, Calif. | 803 |
| Jim Auer, Defiance, Ohio | 803 |
| Joseph Appel, Philadelphia, Pa. | 802 |
| Graz Castellano, Brooklyn, N. Y. | 802 |
| Stanley Gabriel, Plymouth, Pa. | 802 |
| Phillip Gelso, Exeter, Pa. | 802 |
| Tom Harkins, St. Paul, Minn. | 802 |
| Walter Johnson, Port Clinton, Ohio | 802 |
| "Chuck" O'Donnell, Detroit, Mich. | 802 |
| Victor Riche, Staten Island, N. Y. | 802 |
| Angelo Russo, Buffalo, N. Y. | 802 |
| Hardy Feichtinger, Minneapolis, Minn. | 801 |
| Leo Flaska, Chicago, Ill. | 801 |
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| Charles Johnson, Bayonne, N. J. | 800 |
| John Skiptunis, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. | 800 |

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If you haven't received your entry for the telegraphic classic Nov. 15-30, drop a line right now to national headquarters.

## Officials Plan to Use the Hattstrom System in Chicago Tourney

**Chicago, Ill.**—The 1950 Chicago Bowling association's city tournament will be run on the Hattstrom handicap system, according to LeRoy Davis, secretary of the CBA.

The system, originated by Dr. Henry H. Hattstrom, an Evanston (Ill.) bowler and bowling instructor, gives the higher average bowler a larger percentage of handicap. It is believed by many that the Hattstrom system will give bowlers an incentive to knock pins down and keep knocking them down to get a larger handicap.

Percentages used in the system are: 191 to 200 average, 90%; 181 to 190 average, 80%; 171 to 180 average, 70%; 161 to 170 average, 60%; 151 to 160 average, 50%, and 141 to 150 average, 40%.

## Minnesota Association Adds All-Events to Meet

**Minneapolis, Minn.**—Directors of the Minnesota State Bowling association have voted to add all-events to their annual tournament. An additional charge of $1 will be made for those who enter.

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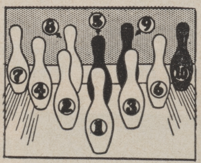
# Oddities

**Mansfield, Ohio—Hank Heiser,** president of the Mansfield Bowling association, recently left up the 5-9-10 split. In shooting at it he hit the 5 full. It barely grazed the 9 as it went by. The 9 slid over and leaned (and we mean leaned) against the 10 for an 8-pin count.



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**Minneapolis, Minn. — The** "Disabled Veterans Salvage Society" team, which rolls in the Beverage league, is composed of the five Benson brothers, Ben, Cliff, Bob, Larry and Arv. They are sponsored by their brother-in-law, H. W. Lindstrom, head of the society.

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**Toledo, Ohio—Dr. William Bender** has missed only one night of bowling in the Dorr-West End league here in its 20 years of competition. The one absence was due to a death in the family.

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**New York, N.Y.—John Goldsmith,** ABC director and secretary of the New York Bowling association, has a drawerful of medals awaiting delivery to champs. The NYBA awards a medal to men who roll high games in their leagues.

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**Cleveland, Ohio—Johnny Blue,** member of the Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Co. Major league, tossed a wide hook the other night and took off the 7-pin on his first ball. The 7 flew off the back cushion and tipped over the 10.

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**Chicago, Ill.—Here is how the leaders** finished in the St. Simons Parish bowling league recently: Joe Cullen, 179 45/78 pins; Steve Gay, 179 45/87 pins, and Dick Mensik, 179 45/90 pins.

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**Clinton, Ia.—Harlan Bock,** local bowler, rolled a Dutch 200 game here on Apr. 25.

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**Auburn, Ind.—Cal Grosscup,** a member of the Auburn Minor league, took a shot at a 3-10 with his big, wide bender. The ball rolled between the 3 and 10 without touching either.

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**Columbus, Ohio—Gabe Reitter** recently led the Olentangy Classic league with 660. On the next pair of alleys his son, Dick, pounded 645.

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**Plainfield, N.J.—Bill Getz,** of the City Bowling league here, rolled an all spare game for 186 on Sept. 23. Everybody watched in the final frames, and he kept his ball in the pocket.

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**Warsaw, N.Y.—Richard Brown** came through with a Dutch 200 game here recently.

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**Los Angeles, Calif.—George Clark,** local bowler, recently broke his left arm. But he kept right on bowling while his wing was in the cast.

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**La Junta, Colo.—Lon Zumalt,** Santa Fe league bowler, thought he had a strike the other night. But a pin flew out of pit and stood on the 10-pin spot. "Just homesick, I guess," Lon said.

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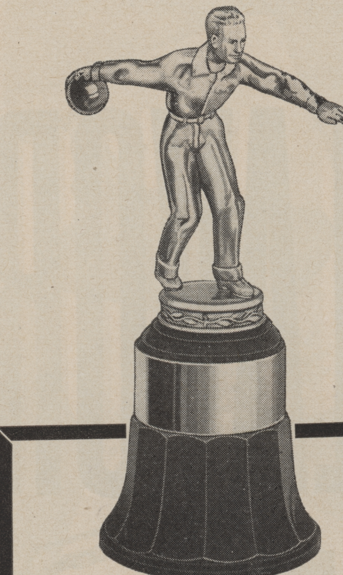

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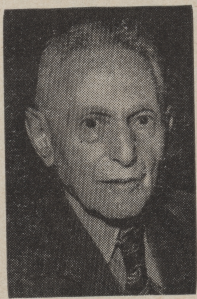
# Louis Stein, Last Charter Member of ABC, Is Dead

**Brooklyn, N.Y.**—Louis Stein, 91, the last charter member of the American Bowling Congress, died at Kings County hospital here Oct. 3. He had been taken to the hospital only a few days earlier. The cause of death was listed as "infirmities of old age."



*Louis Stein*

Mr. Stein was born in Winstorten, Holland, and came to the United States when he was 16. He began bowling in 1882 and soon acquired an interest in a bowling establishment which he held until five years ago.

As a young man Mr. Stein earned a living as a wrestler and circus performer. He used a springboard to leap over a line of elephants.

Mr. Stein was a good bowler and had won many titles. He was organizational minded and took part in all of the early meetings of the American Bowling Congress, one of which gained him lasting fame.

When the Congress formally organized in its opening meeting on Sept. 9, 1895, Mr. Stein, "the smallest man in attendance, moved that the Congress adopt a bonus system for scoring consecutive strikes," said the former New York Bowlers Journal.

At that time two strikes together counted only 20 pins for the first one. If you followed with a spare, you also received 20 pins for the second strike. The bonus or cumulative system had been tried since 1890 but had not been received enthusiastically.

Mr. Stein led the debate for his resolution and won out over the proposed rule for the 20 count on doubles, which would have given a 200 score for a perfect game.

During the last few years Mr. Stein visited various ABC tournaments as guest of the Congress. He met thousands of bowlers and rehashed old times with the old timers.

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## Sandy Fisher Takes Job As Ohio Bowling Editor

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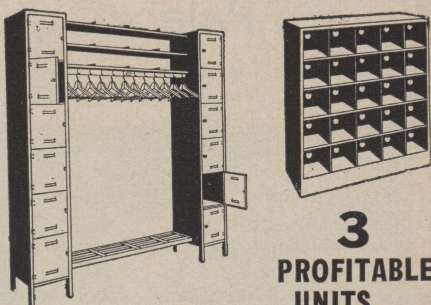

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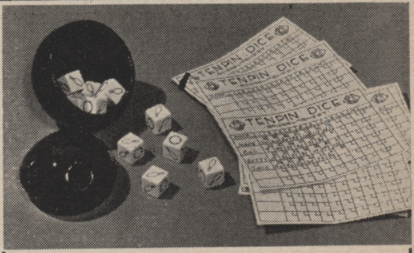

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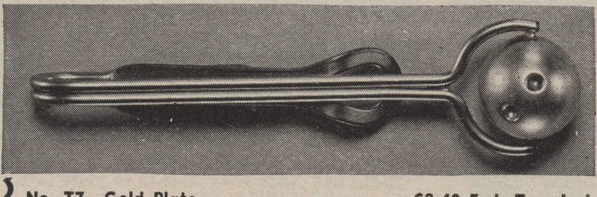

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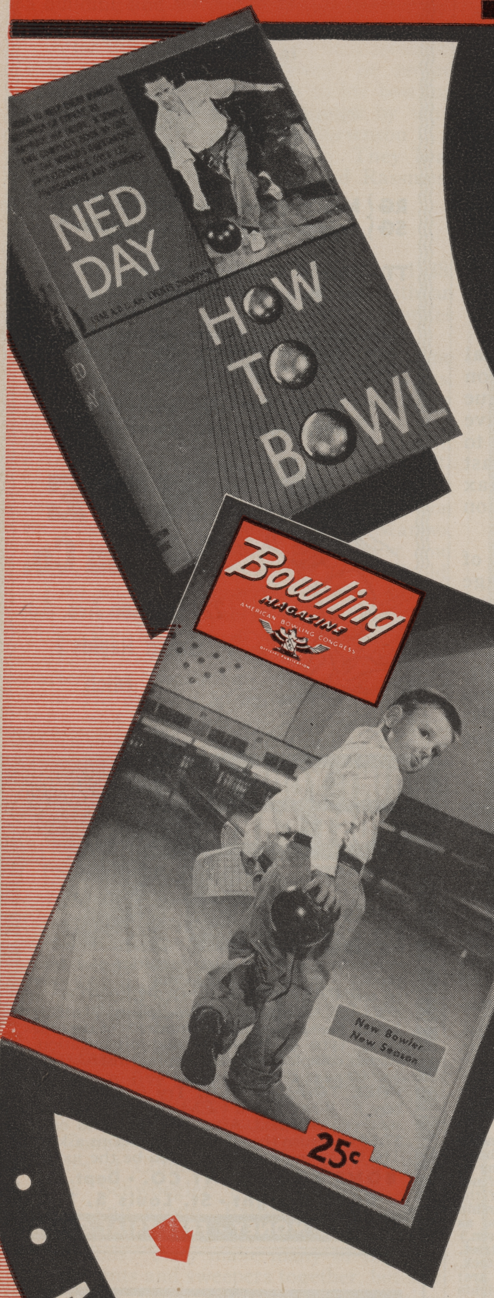

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**Utica, N.Y.**—The Utica Bowling association gave a testimonial dinner and dance in honor of its 17 past presidents here Nov. 5. ABC President John Ackerman spoke.

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**Port Huron, Mich.**—When an official of the Port Huron Bowling association dies, the association donates a league trophy in his memory. The competitive trophy goes to his league and rotates to the winning team each year. The last trophy was made in the memory of Max Thom, a league secretary and association officer.

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**Clinton, Ia.**—This little association of 232 teams prints a 50 page annual average report, offers $25 to bowlers of 300 games, $15 for a 299 and $10 for a 298.

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**Oakland, Calif.**—Over 1,300 bowlers attended the annual Oakland association banquet and dance. Tickets told for 50c. The net profit was $5.62, proving that big volume keeps down costs.

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**Los Angeles, Calif.**—Charles W. Hooper, an L.A. executive committee member, has been appointed secretary of the Los Angeles Bowling association to replace Bob Menelaus, who resigned recently.

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## Connie

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and tavern establishment in Stoughton.

The father and two sons pooled their resources and bought the place on a shoe string. They haven't been separated since. In 1938 they returned to Madison, bought a building and set up the 18 alley Schwoegler Bowling Lanes.

After the softball kinks had been straightened out of Connie's delivery, he served notice on his father to look to his bowling laurels. He opened his campaign by winning the doubles with Axel Mortenson in a Beaver Dam (Wis.) sweeper. They beat out Connie's teachers, Tony and Rassmussen, 1682 to 1681.

### Connie Developed Fast

At his first ABC, in Chicago in 1938, Connie got 592 in the team event with an error in the final frame; 595 in the doubles and 685 in the singles (38th place).

By 1939, Connie had developed into one of southern Wisconsin's hottest bowlers. He entered the state tournament and quietly informed his father: "I'm going to win the singles." Tony went to the tournament first. He returned and told Connie the alleys were difficult. He advised his son on how they should be played. Connie won the singles with 679, beating Hank Marino, Ned Day, Charlie Daw, Gil Zunker and Frank Benkovic. Connie was 22 years old.

Like many two-fingered bowlers, Connie had to switch to a three hole ball in 1943 when the knuckle of his middle finger began to weaken. About the same time he started experimenting with a finger tip grip. He used up 50 balls in the next five years, and sometimes his bowling suffered. But last year he put the finishing touches on the grip—and won the All Star. Now the finger tip grip is the talk of the bowling world.

### Mel's ABC Average Tops Connie's

Last year Connie averaged 228 in Madison league play (he's a member of Duane Bowman's Bireley's Beverages) up to the time of the All Star. By season's end the average was down to 212.

He started off the Madison Classic league this fall with a 716 on 226, 276 and 214.

Brother Mel is no slouch on the alleys, and has a five year ABC average slightly better than Connie's—193-37 to 193-12. Tony's 10 year average is 190-46. Mel and Connie will team up for the 1950 ABC doubles at Columbus, Ohio, on Apr. 23.

The Schwoegler bowling family is a tightly knit group. Father and sons enjoy each other's company, and they dislike separations. They make many of the same tournaments and sweepers together, but lately Connie, under contract for exhibitions and instruction, has had to be away from the home alleys more often than he likes.

### Bad Bowling Bothers Him

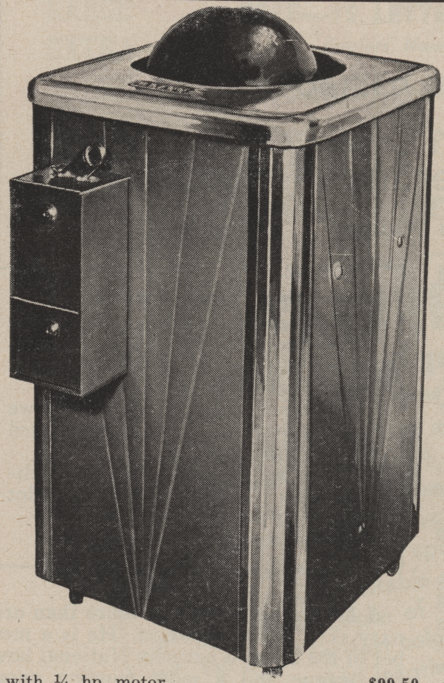
Connie is a good carpenter—he hammered many a nail in remodeling the Stoughton and Madison alleys—and likes to putter around his cottage on Pleasant lake, 70 miles north of Madison.

He enjoys golf and plays a good game, although this year as national match champ he's had to lay off. He also is an amateur photographer and develops his own stuff in his home built dark room.

Connie is a friendly but reserved guy, and you never would guess that bad bowling really bothers him. The bad shots do, though, and he admits he burns inwardly. On the alleys he concentrates completely on the business at hand, and byplay around him passes him by.

Most of the bowling world thinks of Connie Schwoegler as a big man. He has been tall (6 foot 3 inches) since a youth, but until 1944 he was thin. In three years his weight piled up to 278. For the 1947 All Star he took off 60 pounds by dieting, and he has held his weight to 212 ever since. But he has to be careful that his favorite meat, broiled steak, is lean, and he never can touch a dessert.

That's a long way from the days when he walked four miles a night, lugging his dad's bowling ball and shoes.



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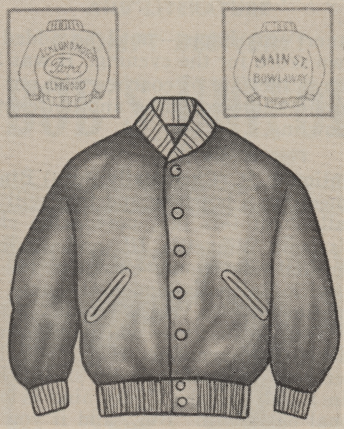

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## A Rare Old Collection of Miscellany

By Eli Whitney

**They tell this one about the one and** only Andy Varipapa, the nation's greatest exhibition star and one of the most skillful and colorful bowlers today.

Andy got pressed into a league match in his Hempstead Recreation one night, and a quiet chap, meeting the peppy Andy for the first time, sized him up for a while. Then he said:

"Mr. Varipapa, I'll bet you a nickel that I'll shoot more spares in the next game than you will."

"I'll take that," said Andy, usually a nonbettor.

The chap blew two spares and Andy forgot about the wager. He was surprised a little later when the fellow asked for his nickel. The quiet guy pointed out that Andy had only three spares—the rest were strikes. The quiet fellow collected with five spares.

Andy paid the nickel and said, "Now, how about letting me get my money back? I'll bet that I get more strikes than you."

The fellow smiled and said:

"Oh, no. Strikes are your specialty; spares are mine."

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**Joe Wilman enjoys watching the other** bowlers monkey around, and he also likes to tell stories about their clowning. One of his favorites is about his pet and fellow Lithuanian-American, Joe Norris, late of Detroit, now of Chicago.

A year or so ago the two Joes were competing in the national doubles tournament at San Antonio, Tex. After three or four days of bowling 20 or 30 games a day, Wilman was tired. He assumed that everybody else was. Wilman came into the host establishment as the evening rest period was about to end. He expected to find the bowlers taking things easy.

As he opened the door into the arena, he heard all kinds of noise, shouting and the thump of bowling balls. There was Norris and Hank Lauman, the former St. Louis slicker, trying to decide who could throw the fastest ball.

Wham! Norris' ball slammed into the pit. Boom! Lauman's ball whapped the pins into the kickbacks.

Little, 126-pound Allie Brandt, of Lockport, N.Y., the chap who rolled the immortal 886 total ten years ago, was the judge of the contest.

After heaving 10 or 15 balls Norris appealed to Brandt for his decision.

"Lauman's ball is the—," said Brandt.

"O.K., Pee Wee, but remember this, I can beat that little creeper you throw," shouted Norris in approved ball player-umpire style.

### Beg Your Pardon

This column overlooked a couple of bowlers in the 10 year ABC tournament averages in the August issue.

Walter Ward has 199-54, and we wonder how we could have missed such a big figure.

Tony Schwoegler, veteran Madison (Wis.) kegler, has 190-46, a lot of lumber for anyone over 60.

Sorry it happened, fellas.

**A Milwaukee bowler of more than ordinary** skill is Paul Glanert. He is a member of the First Wisconsin National bowling league and a most trusting person until recently.

One member of his team needed a little help. This bowler was a big strong fellow who liked to throw a speedy backup ball. But his average was low, extremely low. In fact, it is doubtful that he ever had tasted the thrill of climbing into the 500 class.

Now, Glanert knows his bowling. He knows how to roll a hook and how to aim it. So after some persuading his big friend finally agreed to try throwing a hook. It worked, and under Glanert's tutelage, he paced the league with 598 that night.

Glanert was happy—until he added up his own score for the evening. It was 365.

Such is the fate of coaches who put too much effort into coaching and not enough into bowling.

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**Mention C. P. (Chemically Pure) Binner** to a meeting of bowlers, and they will tell you all about this tall, personable chap.

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But the blow fell on Mr. Binner a few weeks ago when his half-pint wife won an important golf title at Sunset Ridge. Some of Bin's friends now address him as Mr. Vera Binner.

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**Toledo, Ohio—Bobby Wysocki, local** 200 average bowler, has gone to Cleveland to resume his studies at the Ohio School of Chiropody.

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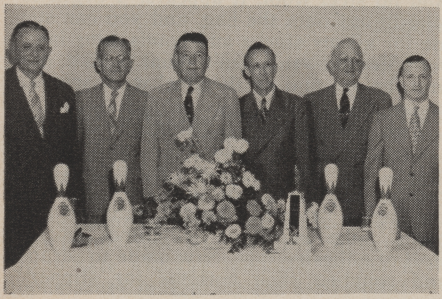
| **California** | |
| Island Bowl, Coronado | 4 |
| City Bowl, Susanville | 6 |
| Jewel City Bowl, Glendale | 16 |
| Beverly Hills Rec., Beverly Hills | 16 |
| Pioneer Bowl, Pioneertown | 6 |
| Albany Bowl, Albany | 16 |
| Village Bowl, San Lorenzo | 10 |
| Veterans Memorial, Grass Valley | 4 |
| **Florida** | |
| OAFB Post Exchange, Orlando | 8 |
| Sports Center, Inc., New Smyrna Beach | 8 |
| Daytona Beach Bowl Center, Daytona Beach | 12 |
| **Illinois** | |
| Rainbo Lanes, Chicago | 20 |
| Michigan Shores, Chicago | 5 |
| Galesburg Bowl, Galesburg | 12 |
| **Indiana** | |
| Martinsville Center, Martinsville | 8 |
| American Legion No. 101, Lowell | 8 |
| **Iowa** | |
| Sport Bowl, Arnolds Park | 4 |
| Park Lane Bowl, Des Moines | 8 |
| **Kansas** | |
| Collins Rec., Atchinson | 4 |
| Ness City Bowl, Ness City | 4 |
| **Louisiana** | |
| Strawberry Lanes, Inc., Hammond | 8 |
| **Michigan** | |
| Chatham Bowl, Chatham | 4 |
| LaHood Bowling, St. Clair Shores | 8 |
| Blind Institute, Saginaw | 2 |
| Romulus Recreation Center, Romulus | 12 |
| Varden Park Bowling Club, Jackson | 16 |
| **Minnesota** | |
| Buckman Recreation, Buckman | 4 |
| Plainview Recreation, Plainview | 6 |
| **Missouri** | |
| Clinton Bowl, Clinton | 6 |
| Holy Name Church, Kansas City | 8 |
| **Montana** | |
| Forsyth Sport Center, Forsyth | 4 |
| Eagles, Chinook | 2 |
| **Nebraska** | |
| Fairbury Bowling Lanes, Fairbury | 4 |
| Wiebelhaus Recreation, Crofton | 4 |
| **New Mexico** | |
| Bowl-A-Lyne, Tucumcari | 4 |
| Las Cruces Bowling Co., Las Cruces | 8 |
| **New York** | |
| Canisius High School, Buffalo | 8 |
| Eccentric Club, Gloversville | 4 |
| Bainbridge Bowl, Bainbridge | 6 |
| Great Neck Recreation, Great Neck | 8 |
| **North Carolina** | |
| Mayland Bowling Center, Spruce Pine | 6 |
| **North Dakota** | |
| Jack's Recreation, Leeds | 4 |
| **Ohio** | |
| Tuscan Recreation, Galion | 8 |
| Galion Bowling Center, Galion | 8 |
| Parkside Recreation, Chesterland | 10 |
| Turner Alleys, Cincinnati | 10 |
| Newton Lanes, Newton Falls | 10 |
| Stoneys Rainbow Lanes, Elyria | 12 |
| Mergard's 20th Century, Cincinnati | 20 |
| **Oklahoma** | |
| Strike-Mor Recreation, Miami | 4 |
| **Oregon** | |
| Elks No. 1189, Oregon City | 4 |
| University Bowl, Salem | 12 |
| **Pennsylvania** | |
| Veterans Foreign Wars, Easton | 4 |
| Greek Catholic Slovak, Erie | 8 |
| Scranton Lace Co., Scranton | 4 |
| Baptist Ath. Center, Philadelphia | 8 |
| Central Fire No. 1, Lauderdale | 4 |
| Rosedale Reformed, Lauderdale | 2 |
| CYO. Wilkes-Barre | 4 |
| Bethlehem Steel Club, Hellertown | 12 |
| **Texas** | |
| Lamesa Bowling Club, Lamesa | 6 |
| Grand Lanes, San Antonio | 8 |
| Chief Petty Officers, Corpus Christi | 6 |
| **West Virginia** | |
| City Alleys, Fairmont | 6 |
| Emerson Lanes, Parkersburg | 8 |
| **Wisconsin** | |
| Braun's, Loyal | 8 |
| Wind Lake Bowl, Waterford | 8 |
| Mischke's, Two Rivers | 10 |
| Englebert's Alleys, Luxemburg | 6 |
| Pin Bowl, Ripon | 12 |

# UNUSUAL LEAGUES

**The oldest bowling league in Texas**—the Men's Major City, Fort Worth—recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. Honored guests were six men who are the only living charter members and who still bowl in the league.



*Charter members are: Ed Hands, Lee Phillips, M. H. Tempelmeier, Cy Perkins, J. W. Garnett and Jack Tavener.*

The men helped organize the league in 1929 in the basement of the Fort Worth Club building, where the layout included six lanes and handset pins. The six men aren't kiddies, but they refuse to figure out exactly how many years they've been bowling because the mathematics might give away their ages.

Jack Tavener is the hottest bowler in Fort Worth and has led the league for 15 of its 19 years. Last year he finished first with a 198 average. Tavener operates the 16 alley Playdium, one of the finest establishments in the country, and the league bowls there. Tavener was a former major league shortstop and played for the Columbia team in the South Atlantic league in 1921, Fort Worth Cats, 1922-24 and 1930; Detroit Tigers, 1925-28; Cleveland, 1929, and Milwaukee, 1931-32.

J. W. Garnett confesses to more than 50 years of bowling, and M. H. Tempelmeier started in St. Louis, Mo., in 1905.

Cy Perkins is the only charter guy who has bowled a 300 in league play. Tavener has hit two in practice games. All the others have bowled 298 and 299 games.

Buddy Bomar once was a member of the league, and the boys don't let anyone forget it. Fact is, the league is considered by many as the toughest in Texas, and there always is a waiting list of high average men trying to get in. There are, however, only eight teams in it.

At the anniversary banquet, it was voted to make the meeting an annual affair and to honor each man as he reaches the decade mark in membership. The meeting was presided over by Marvin Keith, re-elected president, and 75% of the league membership attended.

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**Libertyville, Ill.—One victory separated** the members of the Business Men's league here at the end of five weeks of bowling. The leaders had won 11; the second place team 10 and so on.

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**Utica, N.Y.—The newly organized Sil**ver Dollar league here is operating a variation on the "short snorter" business of the World War II. Each member of the league is supposed to have a silver dollar in his possession. If the dollar is not produced when requested, the bowler forfeits his chance to bowl. So far no one has missed.

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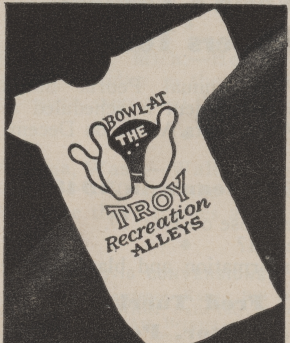

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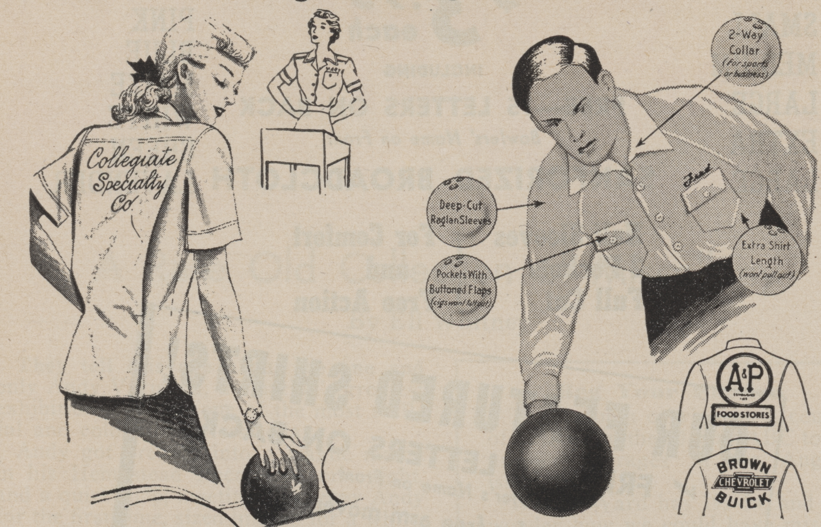
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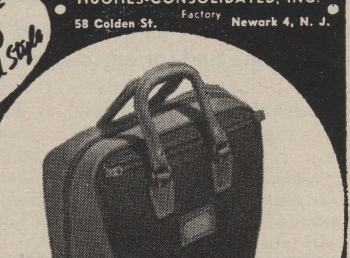

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TENPIN NEWS AND VIEWS

**So I figger I'm stickin' on the runways,** 'cause I probably have somethin' on my shoes. So it's grab my bowlin' bag and dive in, hand first, for a piece of steel wool I'm sure is parked therein. No soap. And no steel wool, it appears. I begin to take things outa the bag, and you can sue me for all my stocks and bonds, plus lawyer's fees, if this isn't what I fish out first, before finding the steel wool several layers down:

Two rags, one for polishin' the old pill, t'other for cleanin' out finger and thumb holes. And both about as clean as a lifer's record. One bottle of stuff used to keep the fingers dry while keglin'—alcohol and resin. Like father, it sometimes works. Roll of adhesive tape. Saw blade to scrape and roughen shoe bottoms for slippery runways.

Book of ABC rules and regulations, the bowler's Bible. And it's as tattered as a panhandler during office hours. Piece of emery cloth, used for most anything—or any alibi I might have for my poor bowlin'. Small can of talcum, for sweaty hands (also, so I can take a "powder" right after a bad set). Shoestrings (on which average bowler usually operates, anyhoo), and an eight team schedule. Also a handkerchief (presumably for all the blows).

Metatarsal arch support (the old dogs ain't what they used to be); two pennies (all it'd take to make me quit, some nights), and several bills (still unpaid). And finally, the steel wool. Hey, who was it said the babes carry a trunkful of junk around with 'em?

**Charlie Smith,**
**Miami (Fla.) Herald.**

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*There was a guy named Stroller,*
*Who taught his girl to be a bowler.*
*She threw ten in the gutter,*
*Then picked up another.*
*Now Stroller is missing a molar.*

**—Dick Peters**

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**San Francisco, Calif.—The old saying** about a woman usually getting the last word holds true in the modern day story of bowling commuters.

There have been many stories through the years about men bowlers who have traveled many miles to bowl in regular league play each week. But Hattie Wooster, former Detroit star, who now lives here, tops them all.

Mrs. Wooster flies, via commercial airline, each Thursday to Los Angeles—that's 345 airline miles—to bowl on the Nash California team in the Wilshire Women's Open league. The Nash California Co. pays her expenses.

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**There is absolutely no truth to the rumor** that a "split" is a man and his wife arguing over averages. Nor does a "spot bowler" necessarily need a dry cleaning.

**—Salesman Sam**
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# KNOTTY PROBLEMS

By Albert R. Matzelle

***Manager, Rules Interpretation Dept.***

**SITUATION: A league in Michigan, bowling a four point system, asked the Congress for direction in awarding the series point where one of the teams had forfeited the first game of the series. Some members of the league felt the team which forfeited was entitled to have its up-to-date average included as the first game score in figuring the series total.**

SOLUTION: The number of blind scores a team may be allowed is fixed by ABC rules. Furthermore, an allowance for absentees may be made only if the minimum number of players recognized as a team is present and the team bowls. To make a blanket allowance for an entire team, whether for the game or in determining series totals, is not authorized (Rule 9, ABC League Rules).

*A. R. Matzelle*

**SITUATION: A team in a New Jersey league lost a game the other day by putting in a substitute at the wrong time. The starting player had marked in the fifth frame of the game and was replaced in the sixth frame. Although the team won by a comfortable margin, their opponents claimed the substitution had been illegal and asked that his score be nullified.**

SOLUTION: The protest was legitimate because a substitution may be made during a sanctioned league game only if the player being removed has an open frame and the substitution is made prior to the ninth frame (Rule 11, ABC League Rules).

**SITUATION: An association in Florida held a meeting of its board of directors in September and promptly came up with the question of who was entitled to representation. It wanted to know if all of last year's leagues should be represented as well as the summer leagues.**

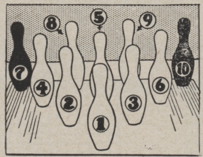
SOLUTION: Since membership in the Congress ends on July 31 of each season, last year's leagues were not qualified to sit at the meeting. This left only the summer leagues with qualified representation since such memberships extend to Oct. 1. However, no meetings of the board should be held between July 31 and Nov. 15 or until three-fourths of the leagues affiliated in the preceding season have again applied for membership (Art. 7, Sec. 1, City Assn. Constitution).

**SITUATION: The eligibility of a mixed league of men and women to be sanctioned still is not fully understood in some areas. Letters from Minnesota, Indiana and other areas where such leagues are being organized all ask substantially the same question: "Can these leagues obtain ABC sanction?"**

SOLUTION: Where certain conditions exist in the make-up of teams in these leagues, they are not only qualified for sanction but must apply if the men bowlers are to be eligible for other sanctioned competition. A simple rule to follow in deciding whether the league is sanctionable is to "disregard" the women. Then if there are at least four teams having a standard personnel of three or four men each, these teams must sanction. The league would be accepted as a three or four-man team league even though competition actually was on a five-person basis (Rule 1, ABC League Rules).

# Railsplitters

**Cincinnati, Ohio—Members of the Men's** Social League at Stone's alleys here received a thrill Sept. 28 when two of their gang clicked off the 7-10 splits. First it was Bill Damico, and then Ed Oenbrink. The third Cincinnati 7-10 conversion came in the Postal Clerks league. Art Bernzot did it.



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**Corvallis, Ore.—Frank Scott, left up the** 6-7 in the 8th, 9th and 10th frames of a game here Sept. 25. He converted the spare on his last two trials.

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**Kenosha, Wis.—Del Johnson recently** converted the following difficult splits: three 4-7-10's and the 3-6-7-10.

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**Royal Oak, Mich.—Henry VanDoorn,** southpaw teacher in the Parent-Teachers league here, converted the 7-10 recently.

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**Tacoma, Wash.—Walt Ely recently con**verted the 8-10 and the 7-9 splits in the same game three frames apart.

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### 7-10 CONVERSIONS

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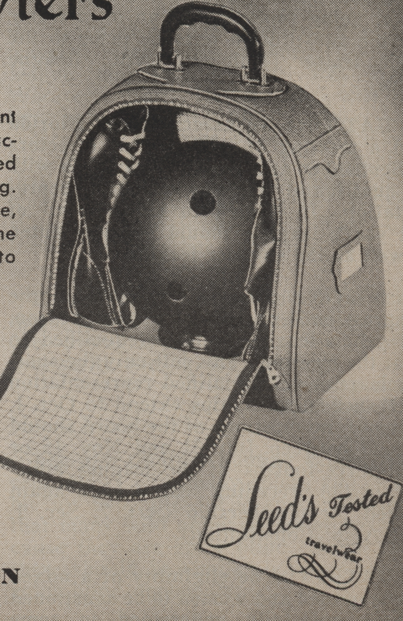

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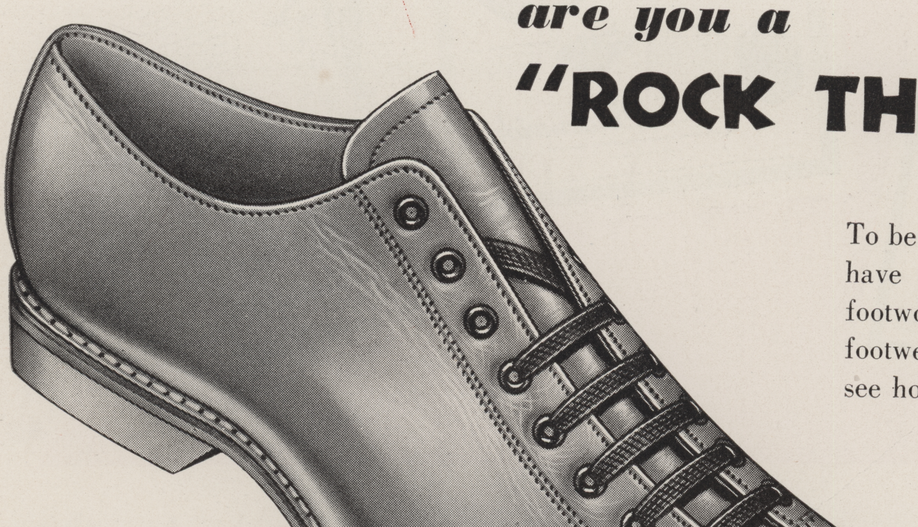

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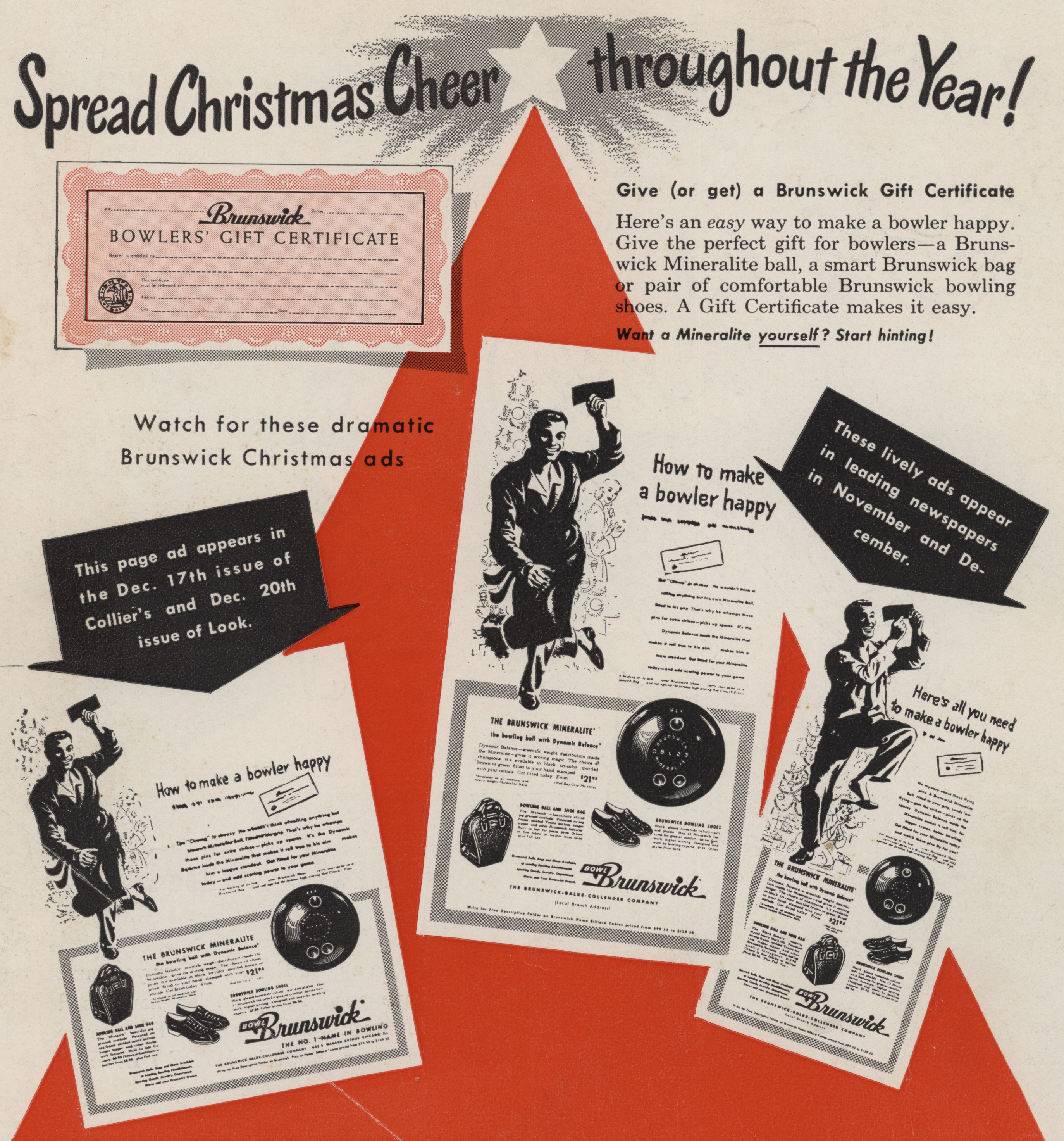
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